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EXCLUSIVE: SKYDIVER MIRACLE

OH CHUTE!

Holly KO'd in mid-air clash with fellow jumper, freefalls for 10,000ft, hits tree ...and still survives

Collision . . leg of skydiver strikes Holly's head

Recovering . . . Holly after near-fatal skydive

By ALEX WEST

A SKYDIVER survived being knocked out mid-air and falling 10,000ft before her parachute opened.

Holly Wiffen, 35, who had been accidentally kicked in the head by another skydiver, hit a tree which cushioned her landing near Nottingham. She said: "Most people don't survive accidents like that."

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CHANCELLOR'S GROWTH PLAN

RED TAPE SLASHED TO HEAL ECONOMY

A RED tape bonfire will help to save businesses £450million a year — as John Healey today gambles on growth to get Britain moving.

Firms will be freed from costly form-filling by more use of tech and a push to integrate AI.

Business Secretary Jonathan Reynolds said the Government is "stripping back outdated bureaucracy and building a common-sense system".

Optimistic . . . Mr Healey

By TOM SCOTSON

It comes as Chancellor Mr Healey bets on an economic boom in the wake of City jitters and Iran War fall-out.

He is under pressure to boost defence spending and faces putting up taxes in October's Budget.

Mr Healey will today present Britain as "turning a corner".

He will put more power in the hands of local leaders and say growth can offset persistent inflation triggered by rising oil and gas prices. He will say: "A new story about Britain. An optimistic story.

"One of resilience. Pride. Huge latent potential. A country turning a corner. A country whose people, businesses and communities are ready to seize the opportunity of new technologies and new ideas."

He will announce a £150million fund to help businesses in the North grow and create jobs.

Shadow Chancellor Andrew Griffith called it a "policy-light word salad", adding: "It'll do little to comfort hard-working families and businesses worried about tax rises." Reform's Robert Jenrick said: "Even Rachel Reeves had more vision."

The British Chambers of Commerce, meanwhile, says Employer National Insurance should be axed for under-25s to make it cheaper to hire youngsters — funded by axing the pensions triple lock.

And Mandala Partners consultancy says £8.5billion handed to regional mayors could unlock 100,000 homes, support 70,000 jobs and give households a £2,800 economic boost.

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'Sign off' . . . Sir David

Davis bill to protect veterans

By TOM SCOTSON

MINISTERS will have to formally sign off the use of military force and make it clear who takes responsibility under a Bill being put before MPs.

Tory MP Sir David Davis hopes his Military Operations Bill will stop soldiers being hounded through the courts over the split-second decisions they make in battle. He said: "The result can be years of legal jeopardy."

It comes as Northern Ireland Secretary Sir Chris Bryant said there would be no "knock on the door" for veterans despite the Government pressing ahead with its Troubles Bill which will remove some protections.

He insisted he "has veterans' backs" and all summons would come through the Government, with no police cold calls.

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Asylum: 'Only 1% genuine'

By ZARA QURESHI

JUST one per cent of asylum claims are genuine, a Home Office official has claimed.

The whistleblower said those from certain countries use the same script in so-called "package" claims.

The number of Iraqi Kurds who feared going home because they had dated a top politician's daughter had become a "running joke".

And hundreds of Pakistani men were worried for their lives because they had a gay affair — with the same men who had written in support of their claims.

The official also said Bangladeshi asylum seekers claimed to be dissidents of a banned party they could give little or no detail about.

He told The Times: "At best one per cent are genuine. There's almost no aspect of the system that isn't either a massive fraud or just really dysfunctional."

MIGRANT BOAT RAGE

Heated . . . cops grapple with man, and protest, right

By JULIA ATHERLEY

A PROTESTER is grabbed by police as hundreds of locals surround a marina where 140 migrants were brought ashore yesterday.

The scenes in Portsmouth came after migrants were picked up in a boat in the Solent off the Isle of Wight after leaving France from the furthest ever point in the Channel.

The mega-dinghy was launched from the Jobourg region in Normandy, 180 miles away from Calais.

French cops allowed it to carry on despite launching six boats and two helicopters to monitor it.

After word spread of the boat's arrival, locals blocked a road to the marina. One said: "We want to stop them all." On Saturday, an Iraqi man was charged with raping a boy, 14, in the city last month.

The protests came days after masked anti-migrant yobs blocked roads in Dover.

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Lab 'Jew hate' jibe

THE Government is full of "Jew hate" and Labour has "lost it", US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee has claimed.

He lambasted Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband for saying Palestinian children were dying waiting for medicine.

Mr Miliband, who is Jewish, said Gazans told him of "medicines being blocked, children dying".

But Israel's foreign ministry said: "There are no restrictions on the entry of medicines into the Gaza Strip."

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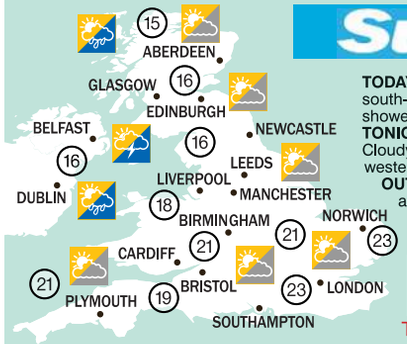

TODAY: Cloudy conditions across England with light south-westerly winds. Mostly dry, but occasional showers possible in the western regions.

TONIGHT: Rain in North-East and North-West England. Cloudy in Central and Southern regions. Light south-westerly winds across most areas.

OUTLOOK: Tuesday sees mostly cloudy skies across England with occasional sun. Rain arrives in the West by night. Wednesday remains cloudy with mild temperatures.

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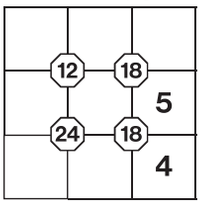

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

MR BATES vs The Post Office star **TOBY JONES**, **60**, *left*, disco legend **GLORIA GAYNOR**, **83**, *right*, Lioness **ALEX GREENWOOD**, **33**, actress **EVAN RACHEL WOOD**, **39**, and former Emmerdale actor **JOHN MIDDLETON**, **73**.

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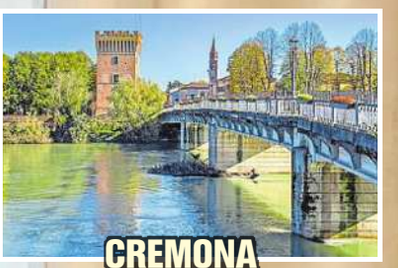
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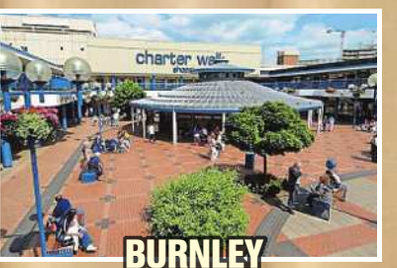

BURNLEY

Rebekah packs her wags for Burnley

VARDYS TO LEAVE ITALY

REBEKAH Vardy is to swap the dolce vita of Italy for Burnley FC after hubby Jamie joined the Clarets yesterday.

By JACK HARDWICK

The Wag, 44, will have to pack up her glam dresses to make the move from their £2million villa in Salò, Lake Garda, where former England striker Jamie played for Cremonese last season.

He is returning to England on a deal to the end of the season.

It means he is likely to relocate to the Lancashire town – 137 miles north of the family home in Grantham, Lincs.

It is hoped he will revive the Clarets after a bad start to the season.

Jamie, 39, said: "This club has a proper football history and passionate fans who deserve a team that represents them and their town. I can't wait to get going on the pitch and help the team move in the right direction."

Rather than move full-time to Burnley, it is expected Becky will remain at their Grantham home near to where their children, Sofia and Ella, go to school.

She faces a two-and-a-half-hour drive to Turf Moor to see Jamie in action.

Becky is a regular at his games and previously spoke about getting more nervous than he does during matches.

She said: "Jamie is so laid back about football, he doesn't get nervous.

"The only time I get nervous is when he has to take a penalty.

"It's anxiety-inducing and I'm always so relieved when he hits the back of the net."

Becky faced a public backlash after losing her 2022 "Wagatha Christie" High Court libel case with Coleen Rooney, over leaked Instagram stories.

Glam . . Jamie and Becky

Back to Blighty . . Becky in snap she posted yesterday and, right, Jamie at Cremonese

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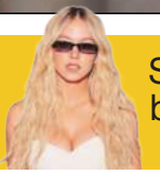

Sydney Sweeney's big hint to her love

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DAREDEVIL HOLLY AFTER

IN HOSPITAL

CAN'T WAIT FOR MY NEXT JUMP!

On the mend . . Holly is now on crutches after a metal rod was inserted in her leg

EXCLUSIVE by ALEX WEST

MIRACLE skydiver Holly Wiffen said she cannot wait to go up in a plane and jump again — despite nearly being killed in a terrifying freefall accident.

The 35-year-old is recovering at home on crutches after a group dive last month went horrifyingly wrong.

She says she is lucky to be alive after being accidentally kicked in the head by a fellow jumper soon after leaping out of a plane, knocking her out cold.

She then hurtled 10,000ft to the ground before hitting a conifer tree, which slowed her descent and almost certainly saved her life.

The dental therapist, who has been on 425 jumps, said: "If I hadn't hit the tree I would have hit the ground and would have been soup. Most people don't survive skydiving accidents like that."

But, incredibly, it has not put her off the extreme sport, as she said: "I want to get back to skydiving as soon as I can.

"Although, knowing what happened and that I could have died also makes me a little nervous."

Holly had been taking part in a group skydive known as "tracking" where experienced jumpers freefall horizontally to build up speed.

She had just leapt from the plane at around 12,000ft and was manoeuvring into position when another jumper in the group appeared to misjudge his own area and crashed into her.

Terrifying GoPro camera footage showed the moment of the 100mph mid-air collision, above a festival at Langar airfield near Nottingham.

It appears to show the male parachutist's shin slam into the back of Holly's helmet, knocking her unconscious and smashing her own camera off her helmet.

She can then be seen plummeting towards the ground at 150mph, passed out and completely helpless with no parachute.

Another jumper attempts to catch up with her as she spins out of control, reaching out to her desperately with his hand.

But he could not grab hold of her in time before he was forced to deploy his own parachute when he reached 3,000ft.

Meanwhile, Holly then disappears from the footage into the patchwork of fields below.

She said of her fellow skydivers: "They thought I was dead."

Despite having no memory of her fall, Holly was at some point able to pull her ripcord.

She estimates this would have happened at 1,000ft – five seconds before deadly impact.

Her secondary emergency chute then also deployed because it registered she was going too fast and was too low. But the combination of both chutes together created a "downplane" effect, resulting in a dangerously rapid descent.

It sped her up to around 40mph or 50mph before she crashed into the conifer tree.

Crucially, it cushioned the impact when she eventually hit the ground, just yards from a main road, and close to power lines.

Holly, who had landed hundreds of feet away from the field where she was supposed to touch down, said: "I came down amidst caravans, buildings, trees, roads, all sorts.

"It was just an absolute mess of a place to land. There's also power lines all around that area as well, so I was very lucky not to hit any of those."

Holly, who had already completed three jumps on the day of the incident, went on: "I was just tumbling but I felt like I was dreaming about skydiving and falling.

"I didn't come around until I was lying on the ground.

"My helmet had come off and I looked down at my leg and it was pointing in a different direction."

She recalled: "I looked up and saw the reserve in the tree and realised something had gone wrong.

"People had to fight through brambles to find me. They saw me disappear and wanted to get to me as fast as they could – they were just assuming they were picking up a dead person. People started arriving and the first thing I said is, 'Help me get my kit off', before the paramedics cut it off me."

Against all odds, Holly, from Okehampton, Devon, survived with just a badly broken left leg, fractured spine and bruising following the crash on August 7.

She was put on a stretcher and dashed to hospital in Nottingham, where she was operated on six days later to place a metal rod in her leg. Holly is now hobbling around on crutches while she recovers at her parents' farm.

Since leaving hospital, she has also received an apology from the other skydiver who crashed into her, sparking the horror fall.

Now daredevil Holly cannot wait for her next skydive after taking up the extreme sport only two years ago. She plans to go up again once her injuries have healed, despite her terrifying experience.

Two of her skydiving friends have also died in the last two years at her local airfield in Devon.

She said: "They wouldn't want

CHEATING SKYDIVE DEATH:

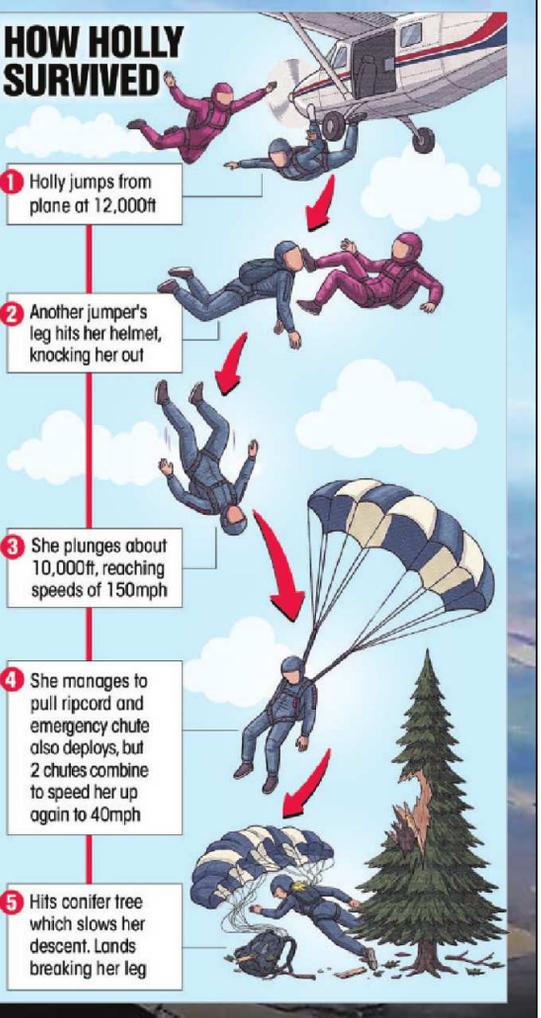
CONTACT
Holly is accidentally kicked in the head by fellow jumper

OUT COLD
Unconscious Holly spins helplessly with no chute deployed

HURTLING TO GROUND
She is seen spinning as fellow jumper freefalls horizontally

OUTSTRETCHED HAND
Fellow jumper makes a desperate bid to reach Holly as she plummets

HOW HOLLY SURVIVED



Bust leg after KO'd in plunge

'If I didn't hit tree I'd be soup'

people to stop skydiving for it. Everyone knows the risks. You are taking the risk for what you get out of it because it's so much fun."

Holly is a self-confessed thrill-seeker who rides a powerful motorbike and also does rock climbing.

She believes the adrenaline rush from skydiving, and the camaraderie, makes it unbeatable.

She added: "Perhaps I'm old enough to know better. But I would be so bored without skydiving.

"Knitting or stamp collecting is not for me. It's like when you're a kid riding down a hill and you're just giggling. You're flying together and give a 'Hell, yeah' sign to each other, it's so much fun.

"We're giggling and screaming our heads off. We all get together afterwards and talk about it, and at the end of the day we have a beer."

Skydiving expert Allan Hewitt said the incident will be investigated. He added: "Freefall collision is rare and doesn't happen very often, thankfully.

"People are getting into different disciplines that means they have to fly faster and do more extreme things. They are very lucky. It would take a very skilled skydiver to go down and grab her mid-air."

Dive team . . Holly, bottom right

DIVE DEATHS

FOUR people have died in skydiving incidents in the past 16 months.

Mum-of-four Belinda Taylor, 48, and instructor Adam Harrison, 30, were killed in June 2025 when their parachute failed to open on a tandem jump near Honiton, Devon.

Belinda's partner, Scott Armstrong, had bought his "adrenaline junkie" girlfriend the jump as a gift.

Jade Damarell, 32, died in Peterlee, Co Durham, in April 2025. She had recently split from her boyfriend. An inquest later ruled she had taken her own life.

And on July 5 this year, a 22-year-old woman died during an incident at Langar Airfield, Notts. The police are investigating the death of the "experienced skydiver".

By ALEX WEST

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AWARDS BASH WARNING

'Bombed' . . Badenoch

'PMQs is panto' — Cam's tip for Kemi

By AMELIA CALEY

KEMI Badenoch has revealed she only became good at Prime Minister's Questions after ex-PM David Cameron told her to treat it like a panto.

The Opposition Leader confessed she flopped when she was first filmed quizzing the then-PM Sir Keir Starmer in the Commons every Wednesday.

She said: "I thought it was a forensic prosecution – asking lots of policy questions. Every time I did that it bombed."

Tory Lord Cameron told her: "This is panto. You're not in a courtroom. You need the audience to know where you're going."

Ms Badenoch told a podcast: "When I started treating it like a panto people started loving it.

"People say they don't like PMQs because you're shouting at each other.

"Why can't you be more consensual? I tried that and you all said it was boring. So I've gone back to the panto front."

'Catch crooks' . . Philp

'Big Bro' cops nab 60k over hate talk

By TOM SCOTSON

POLICE have arrested more than 60,000 people for speech offences in just five years – with people even collared for TikTok posts, data shows.

Free speech campaigners branded the crackdown "Orwellian" amid fears police are clamping down too much on everyday conversations.

The Big Brother Watch report found more than 18,000 were charged and 12,292 convicted.

Activists accept many cases are legitimate but say vague laws have led to over-zealous policing.

Shadow Home Secretary Chris Philp said: "People should not be arrested for a tweet or Facebook post, no matter how much you may disagree with it.

"Police should be catching real criminals."

Free Speech Union director Toby Young said: "Free speech has been on life-support since Labour came to power."

A late night? . . . singer Delta Goodrem has an invitation to the awards

IT'S STRICTLY NO BOOZING

New host trio to avoid TV event

Filming starts the next morning

EXCLUSIVE by JACK HARDWICK

STRICTLY Come Dancing's stars have been warned to keep off the booze at this year's National Television Awards tomorrow night.

They start filming the new series early the next day with the celebs finding out on camera which professionals they will dance with on the BBC1 show.

At least two of the competitors – singer Delta Goodrem and hairstylist Chris Appleton – have been invited to London's O2 Arena for the usually boozy NTAs, which will go on until about 10.30pm.

Then, less than 12 hours later on Wednesday, they and the other celebs, the professional dancers and the new hosts are all due at Elstree Studios, Herts, to start filming from 8.15am.

And fellow celeb dancers including Dani Dyer and Love Island star Cach Mercer have been warned to take it easy if they do decide to attend what can turn into one of TV's wildest nights.

Dani will be taking no chances after she had to leave the show last year due to breaking her ankle during rehearsals with her professional partner Nikita Kuzmin.

A source said: "Dani was gutted to have to pull out of Strictly last year.

"She is very grateful for a second shot and knows a return wasn't a given.

"She's been to the NTAs before and loves them – but she loves Strictly more."

Our source also said: "BBC bosses are keen not to issue orders to celebs about how to live their lives away from the show, but many stars get carried away at the NTAs."

New hosts Emma Willis, Josh Widdicombe and Johannes Radebe have opted to swerve the event over hangover fears.

A source said: "All three are taking their new job very seriously and are determined to make this series a success.

"They know they have big shoes to fill taking over from Tess and Claudia."

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'No chances' . . . Dani Dyer

Invited . . . celeb stylist Chris

£480M COP BILL FOR FREED LAGS

POLICE need almost £500million to tackle crime committed by lags freed early, a top cop warns.

The National Police Chiefs' Council claims it will cost around £480million to deal with breached licence conditions or reoffending.

An estimated 4,500 extra prisoners will be released in stages from October 1 on top of a similar amount who are already freed monthly.

Thames Valley Police chief constable Jason Hogg said "difficult decisions" will have to be made about moving resources.

He added: "About a third of adults will commit further offences in the year [after release]. It is nearly 50 per cent for those who have served a couple of months or less. We are in dialogue with the Government at the moment. We haven't been given any additional funding for that."

Chief Constable Hogg helped block the early release of PC Andrew Harper's killers – with the PM announcing last week that anyone convicted of manslaughter would be excluded from the scheme.

A Government spokesperson said reforms are necessary to free up prison space, adding: "Police forces will have the support and resources needed to protect the public and keep our streets safe."

Warning . . . Mr Hogg

25 die in bus drop

AT least 25 people were killed when a bus carrying schoolchildren plunged into a 100ft ravine at a holiday hotspot popular with British trippers.

Another 12 are in serious condition in hospital, according to officials in Fogo, Cape Verde.

Children are feared to account for most of the victims in the crash near Cha das Caldeiras, a village in a volcanic crater.

BMX-TRA SPECIAL

Sarah-Jane Nichols, 56, of Hants, has won another national BMX title — 39 years after she became British champion in 1987.

IT'S BE TEAR

Wonderbawl . . . teary Noel with Liam at Venice premiere

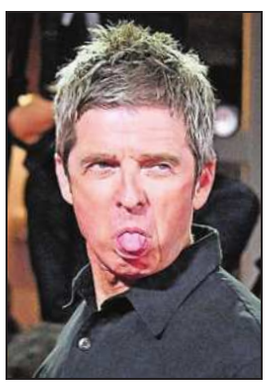
By ELLIE HENMAN and GRANT ROLLINGS

EMOTIONAL Noel Gallagher shed tears as the premiere of the Oasis reunion documentary received an eight-minute ovation.

He regained his composure and brother Liam lifted his hand in a victory stance as Oasis: Don't Look Back in Anger wowed the Venice Film Festival audience.

A source said: "Noel and Liam knew this film would stir up emotions, and for Noel it was such a beautiful moment. He was overcome by the reaction. Even Liam, who has all the swagger, had to take it in." Today the brothers return to the red carpet in Leicester Square, London, for the UK premiere.

Choked up . . . Noel dabs eyes



Joked up . . blowing raspberry

Noel, 59, admitted last week he found watching the film so emotional that he did not think he'd stay and see it again. He said: "I was knackered watching it. There's a lot of people crying in it."

Fans, including one with a Manchester City flag, had gathered at the Palazzo del Cinema in the hope of seeing the brothers.

The pair laughed and joked before the start. A fan shouted: "Venice, are you mad for it?" Grinning, Liam replied: "Oh yeah."

The film covers Oasis's 2025 comeback tour and the audience applauded every track – and even sang along to Champagne Supernova.

It features Liam surprised to see how much the fans still cared for Oasis – and admit that if he was one, he would not have put up with the brothers' rift and squabbling.

He said: "After all the bulls**t they've gone through, the fans. Keep the faith.

"I'd have been like, 'F*** off, stick your songs up your a**e you shower of c***s."

As the credits rolled and the ovation started, Liam mouthed to Noel: "Should we f***k off?"

The film's writer Stephen Knight told them to stay for autographs and selfies, gaining them another riotous reception.

Disney+ will stream the film later this year and hope it makes the Oscars shortlist.

Last week The Sun revealed dates and venues for Oasis's 2027 tour. A formal announcement is next week, with ticket details to follow soon after.

NEW GIGS TEASED

A NEW teaser video for Oasis's 2027 tour cryptically suggests they will perform in Barcelona.

A guitarist plays in front of a poster referring to Barcelona-born painter Joan Miro. The flyer adds: "June 18 to August 26" – alluding to tour dates.

It follows our weekend exclusive about the timetable for next summer's shows.

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NOW AT VENICE FILM FEST

NOEL'S CRYING HIS HEART OUT

Chokes up in 8 min ovation

BROOKLYN SLICKS NIC

Style helper . . . Brooklyn preens wife

By JACK HARDWICK

BROOKLYN Beckham appears to have a new job — as wife Nicola Peltz's stylist.

Sir David and Victoria's eldest, 27, was photographed rearranging her slicked-back hair and Balenciaga gown before the actress took to the red carpet at the Venice Film Festival's Kinéo Awards, where she won the Rising Star prize.

Brooklyn has said of his wife, 31: "She's my best friend. Being married to her is like a never-ending play date. I fall more in love with her every day."

Awards win . . . couple on Venice red carpet

THE Sun SAYS

Tape squirm

CHANCELLOR John Healey's move to cut red tape is at least a glimmer of recognition Labour is throttling small businesses.

But what about the rest?

What about the disastrous hike in Employers' National Insurance contributions – and the self-harming minimum wage rise – that continue to make jobs for youngsters too expensive?

What about Angela Rayner's spiteful Employment Rights reforms hampering growth in order to appease Labour's union paymasters? What about the energy costs crippling industry and households because of Labour's Net Zero obsession? What about the failure to get a grip on the unsustainable welfare bill bleeding Britain dry?

Labour MPs love to crow that Liz Truss's infamous mini-Budget "crashed the economy" as the yield on long-term UK Government bonds soared to 4.99 per cent in 2022.

They're not so noisy since the yield shot up to 5.89 per cent last week – the highest in 28 years – because investors doubt Labour's ability to service the country's debt and have been spooked by Andy Burnham's determination to take Britain back to the 1970s.

The people-pleaser PM shows scant sign of saying "No" to further taxing and spending even with debt interest already costing more than £110billion a year.

If Labour can't see all this is the problem preventing growth — rather than just some red tape — then they really have no clue.

Troubling time

AS the Government is urged to get on with the deeply flawed Troubles Bill, Northern Ireland Secretary Chris Bryant insists he "has veterans' backs".

His words ring hollow, not least because former Armed Forces minister Al Carns resigned this summer, branding the Bill "unfit for purpose".

While terrorists enjoy immunity from prosecution, old British soldiers face a hounding in decades-old witch-hunts.

Those who break the law should be held to account, but veterans who acted lawfully – under government authority, in accordance with rules of engagement – should not face repeated investigations and legal proceedings even when there is no new or compelling evidence.

This pernicious lawfare hits not only those who served, but also the recruitment of future soldiers who know they can't trust the Government to "have their backs".

Lose your Ed

NOT content with the harm he caused with his Net Zero obsession, Ed Miliband seems intent on destroying relationships with key allies now he is Foreign Secretary.

He has put the country on a collision course with both the US and Israel with his video attack on the treatment of Gazans, which the US Ambassador to Israel says is contrary to the facts.

He really is a Milistone around our necks.

DAVID Wooding

A HIGHLIGHT of Andy Burnham's first week in the Commons as PM was his "love in" with Lib Dem leader Ed Davey.

The PM nodded as he was asked about forging closer links with the EU.

To Davey's delight, Burnham confirmed he would use an upcoming summit with Brussels chiefs to continue pushing us back into the EU's orbit. Predictably, he also blamed Brexit for a "decade of low growth" in Britain.

Have these two Remainers forgotten that their parties voted down THREE TIMES Theresa May's withdrawal agreement, which would have left considerable room for the closer ties they now crave? They threw it away in their enthusiasm to block the biggest democratic vote in UK history.

It's also worth noting that Burnham's first act as PM – saving households £45 a year by cutting VAT on energy bills – would not have been possible had we still been EU members.

Just saying.

Burnham gets a Thatcher moment

CABINET ministers are gathered around the table when an official bursts through the door shouting: "They've invaded."

Phones start ringing. The generals are furious.

The Defence Secretary is demanding answers.

Andy Burnham is staring helplessly at his Spotify playlist.

Britain is engulfed in a new Falklands crisis.

Only this time the Armed Forces are threadbare and the Royal Navy is a shadow of the fleet that sailed 8,000 miles to reclaim the islands in 1982.

And at the centre of it all stands our new PM, confronted with the one thing he has spent his political career trying desperately to avoid.

A decision that might make him unpopular.

It's not a task force he wants to launch but a consultation.

"Could we perhaps have a national conversation?" he asks.

"Could we put it to a public vote? A review or at least a pause? Has anyone asked what the focus groups think?"

MORE than 60,000 people have been arrested over the past five years for things they posted online, according to a report by campaign group Big Brother Watch. That's 33 every day. With so much police time taken up, is it any surprise that shoplifters and burglars are having a field day?

Sphinx-like silence

His aides point out that it's not about a bus route or public service reform. It's British territory.

Defence Secretary Wes Streeting produces a map of the South Atlantic. Burnham studies it. "It's a long way from Manchester," the PM gulps.

The scenario may seem far-fetched but sabre-rattling Buenos Aires is about to test the Prime Minister's diplomatic mettle for the first time.

Having spent his entire political life denouncing Margaret Thatcher, he now finds himself trapped in her shadow, forced to channel the iron resolve he once vilified as he navigates the unfolding Falklands row.

Argentina President Javier Milei has turned up the heat after detecting a weakness at the heart of the Labour Government. The Austin Powers lookalike plans a new naval base in Tierra del Fuego and has threatened legal sanctions to halt drilling for oil 140 miles off the islands.

It's unlikely that he will turn into his alter ego, Dr Evil, and mount a second attempt to seize them by force.

But that is almost beside the point. Silly Milei is probing Britain's resolve through diplomacy, sanctions and military posturing.

And the uncomfortable question for Downing Street is not whether Argentina will send troops storming ashore tomorrow. It is what Britain could realistically do if the rhetoric became something more dangerous.

Forty-four years ago, Margaret Thatcher sent a task force of 127 ships, 43 of them Royal Navy vessels, across the Atlantic to fight a war.

Today, the Navy is a much smaller force and has just 13 operationally available warships.

That matters because deterrence depends on what you are actually able to do – as well as what you say.

And so far, the words from No10 have been nothing short of wimpish.

Burnham, who has pontificated on everything from GCSE results to his favourite pub snacks, has kept a Sphinx-like silence on the Falklands. The lily-livered reaction from his spokesman was: "We continue to have a diplomatic relationship with Argentina, and . . . want to continue to strengthen that."

But there's worse. Former Foreign Office chief Lord McDonald questions whether the 3,600 islanders, who voted 99.8 per cent in favour of remaining a British Overseas Territory in 2013, should have the right to self-determination when British taxpayers fork out £500million a year to defend them.

His stance is an insult not only to democracy but to the 255 British military personnel who died liberating the islanders from Argentinian invaders.

Lord McDonald may have left the Foreign Office in 2020, but his views give an alarming insight into Whitehall group-think – the same mentality which last year surrendered sovereignty of the Chagos Island and tried to block Brexit after the biggest democratic vote in our history.

Will our new PM have the clout to stand up not only to Argentina but to the civil service too?

Margaret Thatcher famously charmed a reluctant US President Ronald Reagan to back Britain in 1982. Burnham faces a tougher task persuading Donald Trump, furious over his decision to press on with the Chagos deal and Labour's refusal to join the Iran war.

Bigger headache

Massive oil reserves off the islands – enough to fund their defence for the next two centuries – could drive him to rethink the USA's traditional neutral stance.

Which makes it an even bigger headache for Burnham.

He has spent the past few years arguing about redistribution of power in Britain. Now the world has presented him with a rather different question, he is silent.

In a bizarre twist, while he snubs the Thatcher legacy, President Milei is a great admirer. The Argentine leader imported her policies successfully to tame inflation and drag the country out of debt for the first time in years.

He even brandished a chainsaw to illustrate his determination to cut out waste and slash the benefits bill.

But the cuts have dented his own popularity, which is why he's now banging the Falklands drum.

Milei may have just handed Britain's most reluctant Thatcherite the one thing he never wanted: a Thatcher moment.

Will he rise to the challenge – or retreat to his favourite soundtrack by The Smiths?

I was looking for a job and then I found a job.

And Heaven knows I'm miserable now.

Back in UK . . Duchess

Meghan to restart work at charities

By JULIA ATHERLEY

THE Duchess of Sussex wants to rekindle her relationships with British charities after moving her family back to the UK.

Meghan, 45, reportedly plans to make public appearances for organisations such as Smart Works, which helps unemployed women.

A source told The Sunday Times she was thinking about how to support old – and new – causes.

They said: "Smart Works is a cause she was, and remains, deeply passionate about and she may well look to rekindle that relationship."

Friends say she and Harry are focused on preparing children Archie, seven, and Lilibet, five, for school life near their new Cotswolds home.

It comes as the family fights for taxpayer-funded security. Harry is said to fret most about the school run as it means being at the same place at the same time every day.

Body find . . . scene at beach

'Swim to hols bar' kills ferry leap Brit

By CLAUDIA LEE

A BRITISH holidaymaker has died after jumping into the sea from a tourist ferry to try to swim to a beach bar.

The 45-year-old was with his parents and 42-year-old brother when he apparently threw himself from a ferry window.

His brother followed and survived, but the victim's body was found later that evening.

He is the 14th person to drown off Tarragona on Spain's Costa Dorada this summer.

The brothers appeared drunk and had been refused permission to drink on board, police said. They were minutes from docking in Salou on Friday following a trip from Cambrils.

It was one of two suspected drownings off Spain involving Brits last week. Another, aged 75, died on Wednesday while swimming in the popular resort of Puerto del Carmen in Lanzarote.

TESS & VERN RING CHANGES

By JACK HARDWICK

SHOWBIZ duo Tess Daly and Vernon Kay appear in public without their wedding rings following their marriage split.

Smiling Radio 2 presenter Vernon, 52, arrived at BBC Breakfast studios in Media City, Salford, at the weekend, *right*.

And former Strictly Come Dancing host Tess, 57, posted Instagram snaps of herself, also without her ring, on holiday in the South of France last week, *left*.

The Sun revealed in May, *below*, that the couple were set for divorce after almost 23 years of marriage.

But they remain pals, with Vernon joining Tess and their daughters, Phoebe and Amber, on their trip to France — smiling beside them in a family group shot.

She wrote of having a "last blast of summer" with "the fam".

Tess was still wearing her ring in June as she watched the tennis in the Royal Box at Wimbledon.

She quit BBC dance show Strictly with co-host Claudia Winkleman in December.

BAND STILL ON

At Wimbledon after split

IT'S BIG NEWS

BE SUMO SIZE FOR FAT JABS

Huge BMI for NHS drugs

By SAM BLANCHARD

PATIENTS must be the size of a sumo wrestler before they can get fat jabs on the NHS, an expert claims.

Prof John Deanfield described the wait time as "crazy" as calls grow to dish them out sooner.

In a speech to a cardiology conference, he said the average body mass index of an NHS patient prescribed Wegovy or Mounjaro was 47. That compares with 46 for the world champion sumo wrestler, he revealed.

Prof Deanfield, of University College London, told delegates in Munich: "We know that that's the wrong way to do prevention.

"What we're effectively doing is waiting until the end of the health trajectory before we give these treatments to our patients.

"It's like saying that if you've got high cholesterol you have to have a heart attack before you deserve to be treated."

Patients can be eligible for GLP-1 jabs with a BMI score as low as 27 – but NHS rationing means millions cannot get them.

About two million are estimated to pay £60 to £360 a month privately.

Studies suggest the injections cut the long-term risks of heart diseases and cancers. Dr Leyla Hannbeck, of the Independent Pharmacies Association, said: "Prescribing to more patients would ultimately save the health service a packet."

NHS watchdog the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence said: "People with the highest clinical need are prioritised initially."

NHS England said: "We remain committed to the rollout of weight-loss meds."

Fighting fat . . . sumo wrestler

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Sewn in . . . Daisy

Corsets a crunch for Daisy

By ELEANOR GUNN

DAISY Edgar-Jones has revealed her corsets were so tight while filming Sense and Sensibility that she could feel her lunch in her stomach.

The actress, 28, will be starring in the new version of Jane Austen's novel later this month.

She told a podcast: "I had to be sewn into my dress every day. It would take 20 to 30 minutes.

"Even with that feeling of restriction, I found it funny because whenever I was wearing my corsets I'd eat lunch and I would feel that my food was sitting there.

"And then at the end of the day I'd take my corset off and it would feel back down.

"I felt like I'd suddenly start digesting it."

But she added: "Nothing gives me more of a kick than seeing actors in full period wear on Instagram. You know, having a coffee in their Uggs but also a bonnet."

Tot dies at camp

A BABY has died while camping with her family in a woods.

The three-month-old girl went into a cardiac arrest and could not be saved by emergency crews called to the scene on Saturday morning.

A police cordon was in place near fishing lakes in Great Wyrley, Staffs, yesterday as investigations continued. Well-wishers had left roses nearby.

Staffordshire Police said: "This is an isolated incident. The death is being treated as unexplained at this time."

HOMES PLAN JUST BY HQ

WHO DARES BUILD NEXT TO THE SAS?

Spy & sabotage fear

'Security under threat' . . . base

THE SAS is facing a fierce battle with developers to stop hundreds of homes being built next to its headquarters.

Top brass fear the houses will be used for sabotage or spying on the rural base of the Special Forces unit – motto Who Dares Wins.

Developers want to build 250 homes just yards away – but the MoD warned they would facilitate hostile activity by enabling "visual intelligence gathering" and increase the risk of base break-ins.

They also warned of noise for new residents "not limited to helicopter activities, the use of firing ranges, the camp attack alarm and generators".

It warned Stirling Lines, in Credenhill, Herefordshire, operates around the clock every day of the year. The MoD said: "Hereford Garrison is an operational defence site of national importance.

"The security of the garrison and its personnel is paramount." It has also raised flooding fears for the SAS cemetery from a proposed drainage pond.

More than 100 objections to the plans have already been submitted, with some raising fears of espionage.

John Woodward, who lives nearby, wrote: "Building 250 new houses opposite the camp is a massive security risk.

"Sensitive military sites like this should be safeguarded to ensure the UK's defence capabilities and strategic readiness remains intact."

Other residents have raised concerns about the effects on wildlife.

Developer James Spreckley Ltd insists the homes would support "a range of households", including younger people, families, key workers, first-time buyers, downsizers and those who are unable to access suitable market housing.

Herefordshire Council is to decide on the development by October 22.

EXCLUSIVE by JEROME STARKEY
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MUTT'S NUTS NIBBLE

By JEROME STARKEY

A MINISTRY of Defence police dog biting his handler on the genitals is among "mishaps" at military sites last year.

The dog, named Sem, has now been retired from duties.

Other cases included a soldier who lost part of a finger dropping a dumbbell at a regimental gym — and a Royal Navy cadet who fainted and broke his jaw in a fall at a Remembrance parade.

Accidents involving the military are reported to the Health and Safety Executive.

Leader . . . Siegmund

Far-right heads to German state win

By ZARA QURESHI

GERMANY'S hard-right AfD party was last night heading for victory in a crucial election, exit polls suggested.

The party was leading in Saxony-Anhalt with 44.5 per cent of the vote, well ahead of the 18.5 per cent for Chancellor Friedrich Merz's CDU.

If confirmed, it would be the first time a radical right-wing party has taken control of a German state since World War Two.

AfD leader Ulrich Siegmund told supporters: "We have already won."

He wants closer ties with Russia, migrants sent to their countries of origin and a ban on rainbow flags in schools.

The AfD also wants migrants separated from German kids in class and less focus on World War Two in history lessons.

Restore Britain leader Rupert Lowe said: "A huge congratulations to our friends in the AfD."

Burnham . . . yesterday

PM joins King and Queen at church

By MATT WILKINSON

PM Andy Burnham and his wife joined the King and Queen at a church service yesterday.

His surprise attendance delighted worshippers, who described his presence alongside the royals as "amazing".

Mr Burnham and Marie-France van Heel were at Crathie Kirk, Royal Deeside, regularly visited by the Royal Family when they stay in Scotland at Balmoral.

Gillian Garner, from Cheshire, was there with her family.

She said: "It was truly amazing to stand in the church with the King and the Queen, the PM and his wife.

"It was a moving, wonderful service." She said the service focused on the importance of kindness and helping the most vulnerable.

On Saturday, the King and Queen attended the annual Braemar Gathering in the Highlands.

ACTRESS'S 4 WHITE DRESSES...

EXCLUSIVE by
FAY LEYFIELD
Showbiz Features Editor

SYDNEY SWEENEY and Scooter Braun first locked eyes just over a year ago on the dance floor at Jeff Bezos' lavish wedding.

Now they are back where it all began — Venice — and can't keep their hands off each other, which is not surprising considering some of her looks.

Passionately snogging in a gondola and strolling arm in arm through the historic city before slipping into a naked sequined dress on the red carpet, it seems the world's most eligible woman is about to be off the market.

She certainly seems to be dropping marriage hints — the bridal look has seriously inspired her Venice wardrobe.

Sydney has worn **FOUR** white outfits in just three days, from labels including Chanel and Vivienne Westwood, which along with a necklace featuring the letters SB in tribute to her man, might not have been chosen simply to accentuate her famous curves.

I'm told the Euphoria actress, who turns 29 this Saturday, is desperate for the controversial music mogul — who is 16 years her senior — to pop the question.

My source said: "Sydney and Scooter's romance went from casual to serious very quickly.

"Their families are close, she spends time with his kids and they are inseparable.

"Sydney has been joking that all she wants for her birthday is a big ring. But there won't be a long engagement like her previous one. They think they are soulmates and will marry very quickly."

Sydney was previously engaged to US businessman Jonathan Davino, but their seven-year romance ended early last year as her career skyrocketed.

Biggest cheerleader

She has returned to Venice for the film festival — yet she is not there to promote her latest movie, but as an ambassador for Armani beauty, and doting Scooter is once again by her side after their summer of love.

Their pairing initially raised eyebrows. The TV and movie sex symbol has footballers flooding her DMs, while divorced dad-of-three Scooter, 45, is loathed by Taylor Swift fans around the world after a bust-up over him buying the master recordings of Tay's first six studio albums.

Sydney and Scooter were pictured together strolling the streets of Venice last summer, in between the many festivities for Amazon boss Bezos's £40million wedding to Lauren Sanchez. It wasn't just a holiday romance though, as a few months later they were spotted kissing in New York's Central Park and from then on they were inseparable.

It's not lost on Scooter how lucky he is to have landed the sexiest woman on the planet.

When they first went public, he called himself "a lucky bastard".

And when the final series of TV's Euphoria aired and Sydney's character Cassie became a controversial OnlyFans model, Scooter was her biggest cheerleader.

As thousands swooned over her bikini-clad scenes, it was reported that he had "absolutely no issue" with how explicit and provocative it was.

Sydney certainly isn't shy about showing off her relationship, even if it has ruffled a few feathers.

Known as Taylor Swift's nemesis, Scooter is infamous for buying the chart queen's early album masters — a transaction that Taylor claimed was carried out without her permission.

It sparked lengthy legal proceedings and a very public feud in 2019, with the singer then going on to re-record all of her early tracks.

It left his reputation in tatters. High-profile clients drifted away, his eight-year marriage to Yael Cohen ended in divorce in 2022 and Scooter later admitted the episode took a severe toll on his mental health. Sydney, who is no stranger to criticism herself, is said to have played a huge part in helping him step back into the limelight and isn't worried about what people think.

So, just what does the Housemaid actress see in the pop mogul?

Sydney might be one of Hollywood's hottest properties, with an estimated net worth of £30millon, but Scooter is one of the wealthiest talent managers and executives in the entertainment industry, and thought to be worth around £740million.

Money, though, has nothing to do with it. My insider said: "Scooter offers Sydney something she's not had before — he's mature, understanding and has weathered media storms. They have insane amounts of fun together, and he brings out a new side to her. Together, they are adventurous, ambitious and have incredible chemistry."

Sex and relationship expert Gemma Nice told The Sun: "When two high achievers meet, genuine compatibility comes down to safety and presence.

"Sydney is a fiercely driven producer and actress, while Scooter has built empires.

"In high-risk worlds, your nervous system is constantly in survival and business-brain mode.

"Sydney is likely drawn to Scooter because he truly understands that intense pressure and isn't intimidated by her drive, as some people can be.

"When a partner matches your ambition and drive to succeed, you can finally drop your guard and feel held. That mutual protection and grounded respect is where real, powerful intimacy is found."

Indeed, when asked at the start of the year what she looks for in a partner, Sydney revealed: "I have a huge fear of being alone for the rest of my life, so I look for someone who will be my best friend, who I can hang out with, talk to all the time, dream up things with, and work with.

"Athletic and outgoing and funny . . . that someone needs to be able to climb a mountain with me, go skydiving with me. And someone who loves their family."

Career sky-rocketed

Scooter clearly ticks a lot of those boxes. The trip to Venice is the culmination of an action-packed few months, which has brought the pair closer than ever. After Sydney wrapped filming on Netflix's military sci-fi film Gundam in Australia, Scooter joined her and they went bungee-jumping, sky-diving and wing-walking. It was a big tick for

Dress 1

Sydney in a white lace corset dress by Vivienne Westwood as she arrives at Venice airport with boyfriend Scooter

'She's been joking that all she wants for her birthday is a big ring. But there won't be a long engagement. They are soulmates and will marry very quickly'

Sydney's

A WED FLAG TO HER SCOOTER?

Dress 2

She steals the show in this vintage strapless silk-chiffon dress by Chanel for a pre-dinner stroll to the city's famous Harry's Bar

Dress 3

In a £462 Lois Broderie Anglaise cotton midi dress as she enjoys a romantic gondola ride and smooch with Scooter

Dress 4

In a simple white silk mini dress before boarding one of the city's water taxis

marriage wows

the star.

Her dad Steven flew out to spend time with them and I'm told he very quickly approved of the relationship.

My source said: "Scooter made sure he got to know Sydney's family very early on and they liked him straight away.

"There is an element of them worrying she's moving very quickly, but they can't deny how happy she seems and how much she is thriving."

In turn, Sydney has nurtured a relationship with his children from his first marriage, Jagger, 11, Levi, nine, and seven-year-old Hart.

The actress was recently seen with her arms wrapped around the children as they grabbed ice cream.

She has made no secret in the past about wanting a family and dreamed of being a young mum.

"I always thought I'd have a kid by now . . . I always wanted to be a young mom," she said in 2023.

"I love acting, I love the business, I love producing, I love all of it. But what's the point if I'm not getting to share it with a family?

"The time will come, and I'll have four kids.

"And they will come with me everywhere and be my best friends."

Sydney launched racy lingerie brand Syrn – which she describes as her "playground for self-expression" – in January with $1billion of backing from mentor and close friend Bezos.

Her first underwear range – which she modelled herself – sold out within minutes and the brand made £18million in the first quarter of 2026. Scooter is said to have played a helping hand in that, with a source explaining: "He is supporting her every step of the way.

"He knows a lot about business and is playing a big part in helping her make some of those all-important decisions. Some men might not like other people ogling their girl, but he loves it and the best part is she is advertising her own brand. He thinks it's genius."

Back in Venice, all eyes are once again on the celebrity power couple. With her career reaching huge heights, a booming business empire under her belt and a blended family fully in her corner, Sydney seems to have found in Scooter everything she has been searching for.

She spent years waiting for her fairytale ending and, as her birthday approaches, her inner circle is convinced her wish for a sparkling new ring might come true sooner than expected.

WEDDING . . . Bezos and Sanchez. Guests Sydney and Scooter, *right*

OAPs IN FREE TV PM CALL

As 75% fear axing

THE Prime Minister faces massive public pressure to save free-to-air television, according to polling.

By TOM SCOTSON

It shows 75 per cent of the public are concerned about the plan to scrap Freeview.

Ministers are deciding whether to broadcast TV over the internet only and to end aerial-based terrestrial television in 2034. But critics say Freeview is a lifeline for older viewers.

The Sun has launched a Save Our Sets campaign to protect free TV.

Andy Burnham told the House of Commons last week that he was concerned by the proposals and wanted to have a "proper look" at them.

Dennis Reed, director of pensioners' organisation Silver Voices, said: "Pensioners would be affected most by this harebrained premature switch-off.

"We need a decision from Andy Burnham now that the plan will be scrapped, not more dither and delay."

The poll was carried out for Broadcast 2040+, which said millions still relied on Freeview – and its future should be guaranteed until at least 2044.

The Government said: "Any transition would only proceed once we are confident the right safeguards, infrastructure and support are in place so everyone can access TV affordably."

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Overshot runway . . . plane

5 die as cargo jet crashes into cars

By OSCAR JAEGER

AT least five people have been killed and five more injured after a plane crashed into cars on a motorway in Florida.

The Amazon cargo jet overshot the runway while landing at Miami International Airport.

It smashed into vehicles and burst into flames, sending thick clouds of smoke into the air yesterday afternoon.

Local mayor Daniella Levine Cava said: "My heart is with all of the families who were affected and to everyone who is grieving tonight.

"We are also praying for the injured and for their families."

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue said crews "received reports of a hazardous situation" involving a Boeing 767-300 that "struck multiple vehicles" at 1.55pm local time.

All Miami International runways were closed after the crash, which will be investigated by the Federal Aviation Authority.

Wig . . . gaunt Kelly

Weight loss grief of Ozzy's girl Kelly

By NICK MIAO

KELLY Osbourne said her weight loss after dad Ozzy's death shocked her so much she had to wear a wig to this year's Grammys to hide her gaunt cheekbones.

The singer said she did not feel very well but had no idea how thin she looked until seeing a picture of herself during dress fittings for the awards in February.

Kelly, 41, said: "I looked like the f***ing Crypt Keeper. This is scary.

"I wore a wig to cover my face, so you couldn't see how skinny my cheekbones really were."

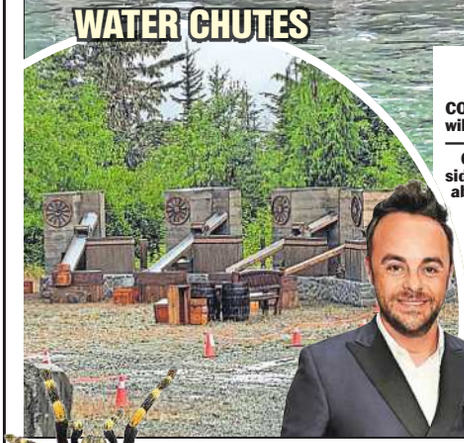
She was overwhelmed by grief and described herself as a "broken person" following Black Sabbath frontman Ozzy's death at 76 in July 2025.

Earlier this year, Kelly said she felt dehumanised by relentless body-shaming comments.

She plans to document her grief and recovery in an upcoming series.

WILD FRONTIER WE GO!

WATER CHUTES



LAKESIDE BAR

CAMPMATES 2

EXCLUSIVE by FELICITY CROSS

CONTESTANTS on I'm A Celebrity's new spin-off show will be fully immersed in the Canadian wilderness — as this first look at some of the sets reveals.

Our exclusive snaps show what looks like a lakeside bar for eating trials, a fishing-themed challenge above Minaty Bay, and what look like water chutes.

The stunning scenery of Callaghan Valley, Whistler, takes centre stage as construction continues and stars fly to Vancouver ahead of filming this week for I'm A Celebrity: Wild Frontier.

Hosts Ant and Dec, *left*, will welcome celebs including ex-footie star Rio Ferdinand and former ice dancer Christopher Dean.

KAISER CHIEF IN I'M CELEB

ROOBY ROOBY ROOBY

Singer Ricky off to Oz

CAMPMATES 1

By JACK HARDWICK

KAISER Chiefs frontman Ricky Wilson has signed up for I'm A Celebrity.

The Ruby singer has been snapped up by ITV bosses, who have been desperate to get him in the jungle for years.

As part of Kaiser Chiefs, 48-year-old Ricky has sold more than eight million records worldwide.

Their eight studio albums have all gone Top 10, and two – Yours Truly, Angry Mob in 2007, and Education, Education, Education & War in 2014 – made it to No1.

A source said: "I'm A Celeb bosses have been trying to sign Ricky up for years, but he's always politely declined.

"Now he's finally given in. Bosses are overjoyed and think he will be a great addition to the camp."

Ricky has been a regular on The Voice, where he was a full-time mentor from 2014 to 2016. He has also hosted a drivetime show on Virgin Radio.

He is the latest in a series of names linked to the show, famed for making contestants eat kangaroo parts.

On Saturday, we revealed that Big Brother host AJ Odudu has had conversations about joining. Insiders said the 38-year-old had met jungle bosses and was "keen as mustard" to take part.

She joins a string of other stars being lined up for the show.

Earlier this year, The Sun exclusively revealed Gavin & Stacey actress Joanna Page, 49, and influencer Sharky, 30, were in talks.

And insiders have said Paralympian and TV presenter Ade Adepitan, 53, is poised to sign a deal.

I predict a bush hat . . Ricky mock-up

'Hotel 4' stabbed

FOUR people were stabbed during an event at a hotel, police say.

The victims were found injured by officers called to the venue late on Saturday evening.

No details of their injuries were given but three men, all from London, were arrested.

Police say at least 100 people were at the event but hotel staff in North Stifford, Essex, claimed the incident happened at a farm cottage nearby.

CHIMPTWANGZEES

Young chimpanzees develop regional accents depending where they grow up, a UK-based research team reports.

ROVER AND OUT

Minister's talks as Jaguar set to axe 4,000 jobs

Jobs at risk . . . car maker

BUSINESS Secretary Jonathan Reynolds will meet Jaguar Land Rover bosses to discuss mitigating the effects of 4,000 redundancies.

Britain's biggest car maker has confirmed it is slashing jobs a year after a cyber attack stopped production.

By TOM SCOTSON

The company has battled soaring costs and falling sales in the face of President Donald Trump's ten per cent tariff on UK cars.

Bosses are looking to save £1.7billion over the next two years, The Times reported.

The job cuts will embarrass Andy Burnham, who swept into Downing Street promising to reindustrialise the country.

It marks JLR's biggest redundancy programme since 2019, when it cut 4,500 jobs. Mr Reynolds, *below*, will meet bosses and the Unite union but has ruled out bailing out the company. He told the BBC: "If this is about making sure over time that the workforce is right to make the business as competitive as possible, that's the conversation we need to have."

It comes as Chancellor John Healey is set to make a major speech attempting to present Britain as "turning a corner". JLR employs about 30,000 in Britain, with key plants at Solihull, Wolverhampton and Halewood on Merseyside. It has been hit with tough Net Zero targets, which force car makers to ensure 80 per cent of vehicles sold are electric.

Shadow Business Secretary Julia Lopez said Labour must do all it can to back JLR and protect jobs.

She said: "The news will be extremely concerning across the West Midlands and beyond."

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Hooded . . . thief and dog

Dad sees dog theft on phone

By JOHN LUCAS

A FAMILY watched on a doorbell camera as a hooded thief left their home with their dog during a suspected break-in.

Owner Christopher De Freitas was on a holiday beach with his two children when his phone's bell app showed the woman with his Beauceron and poodle cross Zidane.

He returned home to find his back doors forced open and pet food and a dog lead taken

The cam footage showed the woman visiting the house repeatedly before leaving with seven-year-old Zidane,

Missing . . . Zidane

transport worker Christopher, 44, said. He had left a pal housesitting in Colchester, Essex, while he went on holiday in Cornwall last month.

He described the shock of watching Zidane and the woman on his app.

Christopher said: "I see my dog walk past and see her walking past.

"She was trying to cover her face by putting her hoodie up.

"I was quickly trying to call the police."

Essex Police said a 49-year-old woman was arrested and interviewed in connection with the incident and released on bail until October 2.

Zidane's whereabouts is still unknown and appeals have been posted online.

GOOD FOR A LAUGH

Laughing therapy helps breathing in patients with lung condition COPD as much as traditional exercises, tests in Turkey show.

TINY BIT OF CAKE

Picture: SWNS

By ALEX WEST

TV cook Nigella Lawson joins the cast of the Great British Bake Off — in miniature form.

The tiny version was installed at Babbacombe Model Village, Torquay, Devon, in its Tiny British Cake Off exhibit.

Nigella is replacing Dame Prue Leith on Bake Off, joining Paul Hollywood, Alison Hammond and Noel Fielding.

Petit four . . . Paul, Noel, Nigella and Alison

Held-up . . flight hitch

£100k BA delay bill for gaffe with slide

AIRPORT WOE 1

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES

A SENIOR cabin crew member cost British Airways £100,000 by accidentally activating the emergency slide, causing a long flight delay.

The embarrassing bungle happened ahead of take-off from Montreal in Canada to Heathrow.

A picture shared with The Sun shows Flight BA94 stranded on the tarmac on Saturday, with the chute deployed from the rear doors.

It led to a three-hour-plus delay for passengers on the Boeing 787 Dreamliner and a hefty bill to cover repairs and delays.

Bosses were said to be baffled as staff are given extensive training to prevent such incidents.

BA said: "We have apologised to customers. Our teams worked hard to get them on their way as quickly as possible."

'Shock' . . . an officer

Arrest of Border Force 2 for drugs

AIRPORT WOE 2

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES

TWO Border Force officers at Heathrow Airport have been arrested on suspicion of drug trafficking, The Sun can reveal.

A woman was held at work and a man at home because he was off sick.

She was handcuffed when National Crime Agency officers swooped on Terminal 3 last month.

The pair are in the Home Office law enforcement command that oversees immigration, passport control and customs.

Both were suspended pending an investigation.

A source said: "It sent shockwaves through Heathrow. The fact two officers have been nicked on suspicion of drug trafficking is astonishing."

A Home Office spokesperson said: "Unacceptable behaviour will be subject to robust disciplinary proceedings."

HOPES ON UKRAINE DEAL

Picture: REUTERS

Burned out . . . fire crews deal with aftermath of drone strike near Kyiv

IN MOSCOW WITH PUTIN

Envoys Kushner and Witkoff with tyrant on Saturday

IN KYIV WITH ZELENSKY

Ukraine leader with Witkoff and Kushner yesterday

GIVING PEACE A CHANCE, VLAD?

Russian strikes as US envoys hold `productive' talks

RUSSIA and Ukraine blitzed each other with drone and missile strikes as US envoys hurled themselves into a whistle-stop peace mission yesterday.

Donald Trump's negotiators Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner arrived in Kyiv after three hours of talks in Moscow.

The pair, who sweet-talked Vladimir Putin on Saturday, said they were hoping for "equally productive meetings" with Volodymyr Zelensky.

It was their first visit to Ukraine since war began in February 2022.

But it was no straightforward trip. Russian strikes on its capital meant they had to cancel a one-hour flight from Moscow, fly instead to Poland then go by train for 11 hours to Kyiv.

By NICK PARKER, Foreign Editor

Ukraine and Russia later agreed to halt attacks on their capitals for three days while talks go on. Hopes of a deal are rising after Zelensky's forces put pressure on Putin by blasting oil refineries and retail hubs deep inside Russia.

Witkoff said his team felt encouraged by a "substantive and important" discussion. Peace looks certain to include a freeze on frontline positions and Ukraine losing invaded territory.

Overnight, Russia attacked with 108 long-range drones and cruise missiles, killing at least seven people. Ukraine's air defences downed 82 drones and six missiles, but 11 locations were hit.

Putin's blitz hit Boryspil, Kharkiv and Kherson. Ukraine hit back with strikes on Rostov-on-Don airport, two Panstir-S1 air defence systems and the Podlet radar station.

Ukraine drones, believed to have been launched from Libya, targeted a Russian cargo ship in the Mediterranean alleged to be carrying arms from Iran to the front line.

On Saturday, in toe-curling exchanges at the Kremlin, Witkoff had told Putin: "When we retire we'll have all these incredible stories and memories and yours will be right at the top." Smiling Putin replied: "You enjoy our full trust.

"It has been quite convenient to work with you." The war has so far cost more than two million lives, of which 1.4million are Russian.

Meanwhile, Russia's foreign minister Sergei Lavrov accused Germany of seeking a re-run of World War Two by blaming Russia for an attack on a Ukrainian plane at Leipzig airport last month.

Lavrov said: "They found some kind of drone there, said it was Russian, and nobody bothered to investigate. This is, in effect, the beginning of a real war."

He added: "Before the start of the Second World War the Germans closed diplomatic missions. This game is unacceptable."

Hope . . . Trump

JANET JACKSON is making a concert film to celebrate 40 years of her breakthrough album, Control.

The US singer, *left*, has announced she will perform the full record, featuring hits When I Think Of You and What Have You Done For Me Lately, in Florida in December. Janet said: "It will be a whole new show – new costumes, new stage and maybe a little glimpse into the making of the album. It's going to be filmed for a movie, which means that our time together will be remembered for decades."

Given the resurgence of brother **MICHAEL**'s back catalogue, she may well be on to a winner.

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CARDI GOES FROM WAP TO WAG

AFTER weeks of rumours, I can reveal **CARDI B** is dating one of the hottest men in football.

The Wap rapper jetted to Udine in North East Italy to spend time with **MADUKA OKOYE** last week after they were introduced at a Jean Paul Gaultier show at Paris Fashion Week in July.

At the time, he had just gone viral as a sports hunk, and now Cardi has locked him down.

The 6ft 6in goalkeeper plays for Serie A club Udinese, and while Cardi was in Italy the pair also enjoyed a mini-break in Venice.

They have remained coy about their romance, but Cardi told Vogue Arabia: "He was really sweet.

"When you see him on social media, he looks very strict and stern, but he is very kind."

Following her divorce from rapper **OFFSET** and a high-profile split from NFL player **STEFON DIGGS**, it's fair to say Cardi hasn't had the smoothest journey when it comes to her love life.

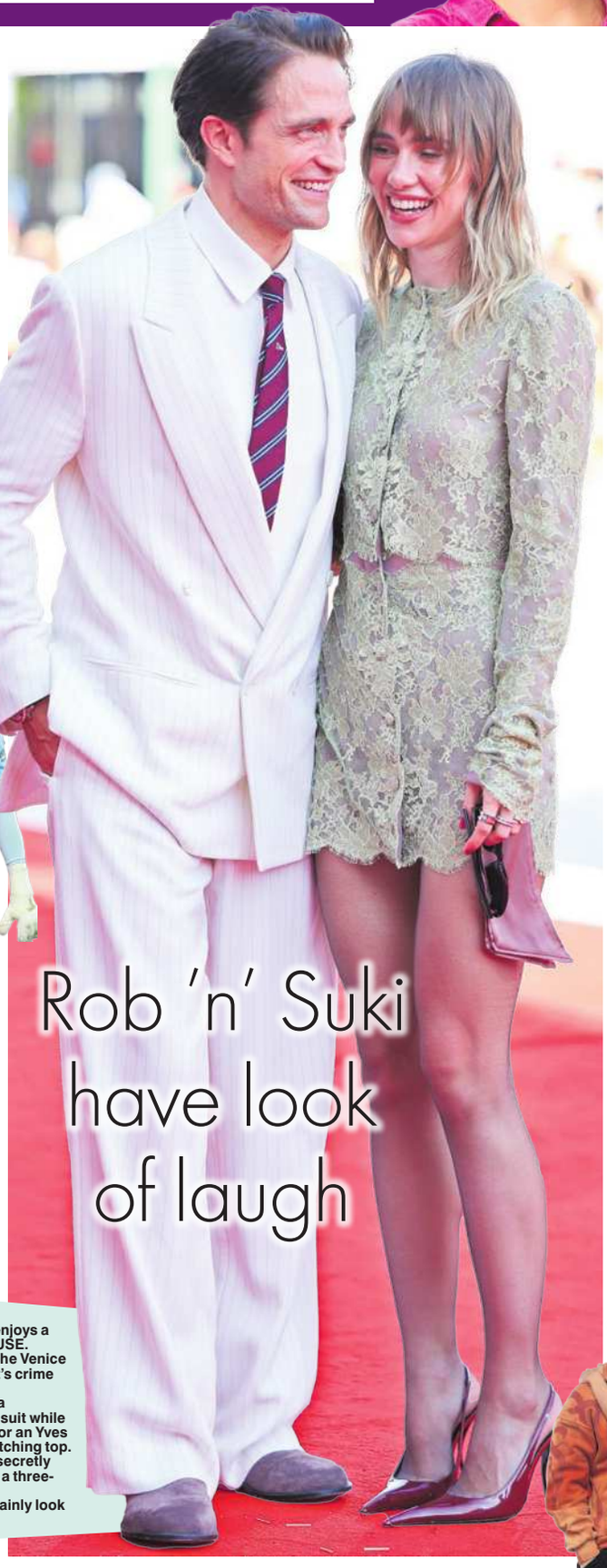
Fingers crossed this is her happily ever after.

ELLIE GOULDING today releases a deluxe version of her new album, I Know Too Much, just three days after dropping the record.

The extended project, called We Know Too Much, acts as a sequel and has extra songs that are even more brutal.

I told last week how the first album seemingly contains digs at her ex-husband, art dealer Caspar Jopling, who is now dating **OLIVIA WILDE**.

Ellie has also recently filed a lawsuit against her former management company so I'm sure there will be lots of people listening to the new tracks this morning and trying to work out which ones are about them.



Rob 'n' Suki have look of laugh

ROBERT PATTINSON cracks a joke on the red carpet – as he enjoys a date night with SUKI WATERHOUSE.

The couple were all smiles at the Venice Film Festival premiere of Robert's crime thriller flick Primetime.

Dressed to impress, he wore a statement oversized white Dior suit while model and actress Suki opted for an Yves Saint Laurent lace skirt and matching top.

Rumours are rife the couple secretly tied the knot this summer after a three-year engagement.

Whatever the case, they certainly look loved up.

IT'S BIRTHDAY BANGERS BY JARVIS & CO

PULP helped End Of The Road festival celebrate its 20th anniversary last weekend, with a set mixing their biggest hits with some of the band's more rarely performed tracks.

The four-day event in Larmer Tree Gardens, Wilts, always delivers a cutting-edge line-up full of up and coming talent as well as heavyweight headliners – this year including the likes of **GEESE**, **CMAT** and **MAC DEMARCO**.

But Saturday night was all about national treasure **JARVIS COCKER**, *inset*, and his Sheffield band, who finally wrapped up their You Deserve More world tour at the festival, playing bangers such as Common People, Spike Island and Babies alongside lesser-known We Are The Boyz and Death II, which hadn't been performed live in decades.

It's a festival which champions the coolest global acts you may not have heard of, and other highlights included a bonkers set by LA-based dance duo **DEBASEMENT**, indie-punk Londoners **FAT DOG** presiding over mosh pit-mayhem, US garage rock star **TY SEGALL** and haunting country ballads from Native American **KEN POMEROY**.

Happy birthday End Of The Road – here's to many more years of one of our favourite festivals.

MARK SURRIDGE

SHEER JOY . . . duet with Camila

ED CALLS A CAB AS STAR SUPPORT ACT

ED SHEERAN delighted fans by bringing **CAMILA CABELLO** out on stage as he performed at the MetLife Stadium in New Jersey.

The singer revealed they have become close friends over the years, before performing their 2022 Top Ten hit Bam Bam.

Ed, who hugged Camila on stage before posing for a snap, *below*, said: "Sometimes you make songs with people just because they're musicians you want to make songs with.

"Very rarely do you form real, real strong friendships and I've had a friendship with this person for well over a decade.

"They were in New York, we hung out earlier today and I said, 'We should sing the song'."

Judging by the yells and screams, the fans were glad they did.

ELLIE HENMAN'S

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THE WEEK IN bizness

TODAY: Following its unveiling at Venice Film Festival on Saturday, **NOEL** and **LIAM GALLAGHER** attend the UK premiere of their film Don't Look Back In Anger in London's Leicester Square ahead of its release in cinemas on Wednesday.

TOMORROW: The best stars on the box head to London's O2 Arena for the National Television Awards, hosted by **JOEL DOMMETT**, which will be broadcast live on ITV1.

FRIDAY: **CHAKA KHAN**, **SIMPLE MINDS**, **TEXAS**, **LULU** and **THE SCRIPT** perform at the three-day Radio 2 In The Park festival, taking place at Stirling's City Park.

SATURDAY: **CELINE DION** returns to the stage for her first full-length concert in six years as she launches her residency at Paris's La Defense Arena.

SUNDAY: **AJ ODUDU** and **WILL BEST** welcome a new procession of fame-hungry strangers into the Big Brother house as the new series launches on ITV2 and ITVX.

CAUGHT LIVE
JAY-Z
@Tottenham Hotspur Stadium
★★★★★

Rap legend dodges costly council cut-off

THE JAY-Z CURPHEW!

JAY-Z'S got 99 Problems – and a curfew was one.

The rapper played two huge shows at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium over the weekend, with a host of A-listers in the audience.

But despite having the capital in the palm of his hand, I'm told one person unwilling to bow to his superstar status was the boss of Haringey Council.

Sources tell me the Empire State of Mind hitmaker was warned not to be late under any circumstances, or risk a huge fine.

A member of Jay-Z's touring entourage was overheard telling a colleague: "We need to start by 8pm as we have been warned about the very strict 10.30pm curfew here."

Despite this, Jay-Z didn't appear on Friday until 8.30pm – and risked the wrath of bosses by over-running by six minutes before the main lights of the venue were slammed on.

Jay did close his show on Saturday on time, though, which will hopefully appease council bosses.

But a source said: "Jay and his team were warned that, unlike in other venues, lateness just wouldn't cut it.

"It was made very clear to all that the hardline curfew could cost them tens of thousands of pounds."

It comes after the final show of Jay-Z's Yankee Stadium residency started more than three hours late in July.

Helicopter livestream

Rather than being the rapper's fault, the delay back then was due to ticketless fans rushing the gates attempting to break in.

It's a good job Jay avoided running over on both nights at the Tottenham Stadium as he had splashed a serious amount of cash to make sure the gigs were some of his best ever.

He even hired an Airbus helicopter to spotlight the stadium and livestream the show from the sky on to his giant screens.

A source told me: "The area has a drone ban, so the only way to do it was by helicopter. It would have cost at least £20,000 to secure the footage."

Bizarre was lucky enough to be invited to watch the show from special seating on the stage alongside a host of famous faces. Hits Radio's **FLEUR EAST** was in the row behind us, while Radio 1's **JACK REMMINGTON** and podcaster **JOE BAGGS** were perched in front.

SIR DAVID BECKHAM – snapped with Ramario Chevoy, fashion editor of Deeds magazine – **TINIE TEMPAH** and **KSI** were all spotted enjoying the gig from VIP suites. Even **MADONNA** attended Saturday's gig. She slipped into the VIP standing pit at the front of the stage.

Jay-Z's domination of the capital went on into the early hours of Sunday.

An after-party continued until 4.30am at Cirque in Soho, with rappers **FRENCH MONTANA** and **DJ KHALED** both taking to the stage.

Earlier in the evening, DJ Khaled performed with **BURNA BOY** at rival Mayfair nightclub Tape.

JACK HARDWICK

CAUGHT LIVE
BON JOVI
@Wembley Stadium
★★★★

JON'S BON JOVIAL

"WE could have played a lot more but I'm still getting my feet wet again," JON BON JOVI told a packed Wembley Stadium as he kicked off the first of three shows at the venue for his Forever world tour.

The tour marks the first time the BON JOVI frontman has taken to the stage since undergoing surgery on his vocal cords back in 2022 – and his emotion-filled set showed just how much it means to him.

The crowd returned every bit of emotion in spades, enthusiastically singing the chorus of Livin' On A Prayer back to the New Jersey native, who looked visibly moved. Jon certainly hasn't lost any of his trademark swagger and showmanship – and vocally he hit the spot too, with guitarist PHIL X using elaborate and impressive solos to give him a break when needed. Bandmate EVERETT BRADLEY, *left*, also joined the celebrations.

The band played non-stop, with Jon taking just a four-minute break when the group stepped off stage before coming back for a killer four-song encore of I'll Be There For You, Wanted Dead Or Alive, Bad Medicine and Always. For a man who thought four years ago that he may never sing again, Jon packed more than a punch at these shows. If you've got a ticket for his last night on Wednesday, you're in for a treat.

ELLIE HENMAN

Crash . . . Jamie Evans

Family's tribute to stabbed driver, 20

By AMELIA CALEY

THE family of a man stabbed to death following a car crash have paid tribute to their "wonderful son".

Jamie Evans, 20, died after his Ford Fiesta collided with an Audi on Friday afternoon.

Passers-by tried to help but he was pronounced dead in hospital after the incident in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs.

Cricket and fitness fan Jamie's family described him in a statement as a "wonderful son, loving brother and doting uncle".

They added: "Although his life was far too short, the love he gave, the laughter he shared and the memories he created will remain in the hearts of all who knew him.

"He will be deeply loved, profoundly missed and never forgotten."

Two men, aged 20 and 22, were in custody on suspicion of his murder.

A male, 19, was also held on suspicion of conspiracy to murder.

Hitmaker . . . Craig

'Singing Milkman' Douglas dead, 85

By DOUGLAS SIMPSON

CHART-TOPPER Craig Douglas, best known for his No1 cover of Only Sixteen, has died aged 85 after a short illness.

Nicknamed the Singing Milkman because he had a milk round before becoming a professional singer, he had nine Top 40 UK singles, eight of them cover versions of American hit songs.

His version of Only Sixteen, recorded in 1959 at Abbey Road Studios, outsold Sam Cooke's original in the UK.

At his peak in the late 1950s and early 1960s, he outsold artists such as Frank Sinatra and Elvis.

In 1961, Craig entered the A Song for Europe contest with his own song A Girl Next Door.

Craig, real name Terence Perkins, was born in Newport, Isle of Wight.

He never married and had no children, which he later said was one of his biggest regrets.

AS THE KIDS GO BACK...TWO DADS' TOP TIPS

FOR parents, the return to school brings a whirlwind of revived class WhatsApp groups, PTA meetings and forgotten swimming kits.

But luckily for busy mums, dads and teachers struggling with the endless demands of a new term, a new book full of essential advice is here to help.

Brothers Lee and Adam Parkinson, the best-selling authors and hosts of the hilarious Two Mr Ps in a Pod(cast), have written a handy guide for stressed grown-ups called How To Survive The School Year.

By NADIA COHEN

In it, they share their tips on how to avoid getting overwhelmed when parent panic sets in.

Adam told us: "From the autumn harvest festival to summer sports day, the academic year is a non-stop frenzy of planning, preparation and potential chaos, whichever side of the school gates you find yourself.

"My advice would be to focus on the basics – uniform and lunches.

"Remember, teachers and school staff are generally on your side and you are all working together to get positive outcomes for the kids.

"And give yourself a break, too. You can get caught up with a false picture on social media of these 'perfect parents', but I can guarantee you, no parent is perfect.

"Just be there for your child, full of praise and encouragement for any progress or success, no matter how big or small."

Lee added: "Make no mistake, this is not a parenting guide. Neither Adam nor I would dream of telling others how to bring up their younglings. I'm far from a perfect parent – just ask my kids!

"We want to give insights on how **NOT** to get overwhelmed by the demands of primary school life."

The pair, who both work in primary education, launched their hugely successful podcast in 2018 and quickly built up a loyal following of more than six million listeners.

Their first two books, Put A Wet Paper Towel On It and This Is Your Own Time You're Wasting, were instant bestsellers.

Here, dad Adam, who works as a higher level teaching assistant in Manchester, shares some of his top tips for surviving the big return to school.

ADVICE . . . Lee and Adam Parkinson

THE SCHOOL SURVIVAL GUIDE (FOR PARENTS)

UNIFORM

ONE of the biggest tips I can give is to label everything your child owns in Sharpie pen.

You can spend a lot of time and money trying to find the right size and colour of jumper but it is amazing how fast your child will lose it. It'll be nice weather, they take theirs off to play and that's it.

Check thoroughly when you think something is missing or lost, though.

We had one parent complain a top wasn't theirs because it was labelled 'George' – but it was just from George at Asda. Try not to get disheartened if your child's uniform comes back filthy – it probably means they've had a lovely day. Another tip is to use uniform organisers so you can sort the whole week's clothing in one go.

HOMEWORK

WHEN you see your child's homework, it's easy to think: 'What kind of monster sets this stuff?' It usually reads something like: 'We would like you to complete a diary/create a sculpture/collect seashells for a collage/paint a masterpiece.' My advice is, don't put it off because the longer you do, the more stressful it will be. Try to make projects fun as they can be a lovely thing to do with your child. They will enjoy spending the quality time with you, and the process will be less painful. Also, the best way a child learns is by teaching someone else. So if your child has to learn their times tables, ask them to teach their other parent. At the end of the day, homework is just extra learning, so try to make the best of it.

PACKED LUNCHES

PARENTS might not want to hear it, but preparation is key. I try to do as much as I can in advance. What can also make life a bit easier is giving kids a bit more responsibility. If your child is anything like my daughter, she comes home with a bag full of empty crisp packets and leftover lunch. So I ask her to put her rubbish in the bin at the end of the day. Then, the next day, she makes sure her lunchbox is in her bag and fills her water bottle. As a reward, I give her a treat. Reward systems are important, but there is no need to go crazy. You could give £1 or just put a sticker on a chart, and if your child completes the week, you can go to the park for some fun on a Friday.

WHATSAPP GROUPS

EVERY school WhatsApp group has "that" parent – the virtual busybody who should wind their neck in. The perfect antidote to this is to have an equally pedantic person in the group with whom they will trade barbs. Then you can just snooze the conversation and ask a mate who is also on the group to let you know if anything hilarious is said. Some parents don't want their number to be available to every parent in the year group just because they produced humans within the same 12-month period.

However, WhatsApp groups can be useful, especially if you've got some eagle-eyed superstars that spot if there's a change in date for when the children are doing swimming or a class assembly.

PARENTS' EVENING

IT is really important to remember that your child's teacher is on the same team as you. You want the best for your children, and so do they.

Parents' evenings can be difficult for staff, especially with shortages in schools nowadays. Teachers can have a horrendously stressful day then have to meet and greet all of these parents and tell them their little Johnny is "quite lively". Teachers will sugar-coat things at times, so listen to what they are really saying – that little Johnny is an absolute chatterbox – and use it as a chance to share and discuss potential progress for your child. Also, do not discuss teachers in front of the kids. It will always get back to them.

NATIVITY

THE school nativity is the child equivalent of a stag or a hen do.

You've got people trying to speak who can't speak, the Three Wise Men being sick, and it's chaos. But it is also a traditional that children love – so embrace it and have fun with it.

In schools, you sometimes see teachers and teaching assistants having a tough time – and in my opinion they deserve to be paid far better than they are. But none of them are in it for the money.

They just want to help your children and create magical memories for them.

The Nativity play is one of the times in the calendar where you really see that.

PTA

PTA helpers can be incredible, and I have seen them do amazing work.

The parents involved are often really helpful and can act as a positive influence within a school.

However, it is important to remember that being involved with the PTA is not the be-all and end-all. Do not judge yourself too harshly if you can't get involved as much as you wish, or at all. You don't know what freedoms others have in their lives or jobs, so don't judge yourself by the same yardstick. The most important thing is that you are there for your child.

When it comes to your contribution to the school as a whole, do what you can and try to bring a really good vibe.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WHEN it comes to special occasions like Halloween and World Book Day, do what you can. Don't feel guilty if you can't afford expensive outfits or spend hours making something – just try your best. Avoid judging yourself by what you see on social media, too, because there are always people who have more money and time. I have seen costumes for World Book Day which were incredible, but really simple. But the whole point of World Book Day is to get your child reading. If I had a kid come in wearing their normal school uniform, but with a record showing the books they had read, that would mean more than a full body of make-up.

Twin city ..in Iraq

A CITY is looking at twinning with one in Iraq which was targeted by Saddam Hussein's regime in an infamous chemical weapons attack.

Portsmouth City Council will discuss formalising the bond with Halabja – a Kurdish city in the north of the country – this week.

Halabja is known for the 1988 massacre that killed 5,000 people in the largest chemical weapons attack on a civilian population in history.

The council highlighted similarities between the fate of Halabja and the sustained bombing which Portsmouth suffered in World War Two.

A&E hell of abuse

A&E staff are being attacked or racially abused daily, a survey found.

All but a handful of 2,126 hospital emergency units workers questioned said they'd been targeted.

Three quarters said it happened at least weekly, while two thirds said discrimination was involved.

One doctor said: "You brace yourself for a lot, but nothing truly prepares you for direct, hateful verbal abuse, especially when it's racially charged."

A consultant said a patient lying on a trolley kicked him in the face.

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine ran the poll to launch its Safe to Care campaign.

I'M A HOLEIGAN

Smooth move . . . road vigilante

By ODHRAN GALLAGHER

A MASKED man patches the road as he tackles his city's pothole problem.

The TikTok vigilante — known as Pothole Hooligan — has won thousands of fans online by secretly filling 40 craters since his crusade began in February.

The dad of two, 43, who works in hospitality and wages his campaign in Sunderland, said: "I thought, if no one's going to do anything about it, I will."

Picture: NORTH NEWS

GUN COP SAVED BY HIS MATE

Thames boat horror

EXCLUSIVE by MIKE SULLIVAN, Crime Editor

AN armed police officer has been hailed a hero for saving a drowning colleague despite being seriously injured himself.

He fractured his pelvis and badly injured his spine when their Thames police boat crashed.

Weighed down by his uniform, sub-machine gun and kit, he swam to his unconscious pal, who was face down after they were thrown out of their rigid inflatable boat at Westminster Bridge. He flipped him over and kept him afloat until help arrived.

One source said: "The guy saved his colleague's life even though he had terrible injuries himself. It was an extraordinary thing to do."

The hero officer is still in a wheelchair facing months of recuperation before being able to walk properly again.

In July, he was part of an anti-terror patrol called to help a lifeboat save a person in the water by Battersea Bridge, three miles up river.

But their boat hit an arch under Westminster Bridge at high speed. Tourists watching above feared there had been an explosion on board.

The lifeboat turned round and plucked the officers from the river. They were taken to hospital with three other colleagues, including the seriously injured driver. An investigation is under way.

Aftermath . . . crash scene

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DEAL OF DAY

PICK up a bargain pair of New Balance 204L trainers at schuh.co.uk – they were previously on sale for £110, but are now £55.99.
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MAKE MARINADES, BREADCRUMBS AND PITTA CHIPS FROM YOUR LEFTOVERS

Get scrappy!

COULD you be throwing away £11.95 every week?

Bosch research reveals households are binning a staggering £18billion worth of food annually.

Today marks the start of Zero Waste Week, so here's how to avoid that and turn leftovers into tasty dishes instead.

MARINADE MAGIC: Once you finish condiment jars, turn them into speedy dressings and sauces.

For example, once you reach the end of your peanut butter jar, add a dash of soy sauce, lime juice and a crushed garlic clove.

Put on the lid and shake to make a delicious Asian-style marinade. It's also worth keeping lemon rinds. Just cut them into thin strips or zest them, then store in the freezer and add to oil with a bit of salt for a simple low-cost salad dressing.

SNACK SAVERS: Did you know you can re-use the leftover brine from a jar of pickles or olives? Keep the last of your sliced carrots, cucumbers and peppers and add them to the brine.

Store it in the fridge for a few days to soak up the flavour before snacking.

If you have any pitta breads that are now a bit hard, break them up or cut them into triangles, brush with a little oil and pop them into the air fryer for a few minutes. The result is crunchy pitta chips that taste great with dips.

MEAL MAKERS: Chuck stale loaf ends into a blender and use the breadcrumbs to coat chicken or fish for dinner, or sprinkle them over pasta bakes for a crunchy topping. Keep any leftover cut-up veg and herbs in the freezer to give soups and stews extra flavour.

Plus, keep cheese rinds and drop them into pasta dishes while cooking to give sauces extra depth.

BAKE OFF: Chop overripe fruit into slices and store in a sandwich bag in the freezer.

Not only can you use the fruit for quick breakfast smoothies, but you can also drop the frozen fruit straight into muffin and cake mixtures before cooking.

Also, don't throw away butter wrappers – pop them straight in the freezer. They usually have just enough butter left to grease cake tins.

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What's new?

TREAT yourself to a budget fragrance from Bespoke London's Gold Collection. It includes new Jasmine Rouge & Sweet Woods and Black Cherry Patchouli & Oud scents, currently £3.99 each at Superdrug.

Little helper

SPOIL a little one in the Next clearance sale with some pieces now under £10. Snag the JoJo Maman Bébé Yellow sleepsuit, which was £26 and is now £12, plus find cute baby boots from £5.50.

TOP SWAP

£28

SPRITZ the popular Tower 28 SOS Daily Hypochlorous Acid Spray, 120ml, £28, at Sephora, *above*, on to skin post-gym to avoid spots, or try Save Your E.L.F Skin Hypochlorous Mist, 100ml, £12 at Boots, *below*.
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Convicted . . . Khalifa

Hanging order on drug rap telly host

By HARVEY GEH

A TV presenter has been sentenced to death by hanging after being convicted of drug trafficking.

Sarah Khalifa, 39, was handed the punishment along with 11 others accused of running a criminal gang and producing narcotics.

The star of Egyptian crime show Mission Impossible was sentenced in Cairo on Saturday.

Police allegedly found two flats used as drugs labs and seized more than 750kg of drugs.

Khalifa, who has 2.5million Instagram followers, and the other 11 also faced charges of possessing firearms.

She was also jailed for five years over a separate kidnapping case.

Khalifa denied the charges, saying she had never seen any drugs or even smoked cigarettes.

Drivers in L-test first

MORE people passed their driving test than failed it last year for the first time since records began, figures show.

Experts put it down to a 20-week backlog for tests giving learners more time to practise.

Just over a million – 1,000,043 – passed and 998,578 failed from April last year to this March – a success rate of over 50 per cent.

It was only 44 per cent in 2007, the DVLA says.

Half now pass first time and a quarter on their second try. Driving school boss Trevor Hartley said the backlog had "done the country a favour".

Friday 13 is no jinx

THE idea that Friday the 13th is unlucky has been debunked by a study.

Full moons and Halloween were also found to be no more dangerous than any other times.

Probability expert Professor Jeffrey Rosenthal analysed 250,000 unnatural deaths over 15 years in Ontario, Canada. He found Christmas was unluckier as heart-related deaths rose in winter.

He said: "As soon as you start believing in superstitions that don't have a scientific basis, you're abandoning truth.

"Besides, I was born on Friday the 13th and I've had a pretty good life."

SMASHED RECORD

A record 146,000 tonnes of avocados were shipped to Britain last year – enough for ten for everyone in the country.

Picture: PA REAL LIFE

Beat the odds . . . Ada-Mai is now doing well

'SO PROUD OF OUR FIGHTER'

Swollen . . . heart X-ray, and Ada-Mai with with parents

By NICK MIAO

A BABY whose heart swelled to the size of her chest has made an improbable recovery after doctors warned she might not survive.

Ada-Mai Taylor was five months old when her parents found her "pale and lifeless" at home in August 2024.

She was rushed to hospital and later diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy, a type of heart failure where it becomes enlarged and cannot pump blood effectively.

Dad Steven, from Bradford, recalled: "They told us she might not make it. I'll never forget sitting in those meetings, being told the odds weren't in her favour."

But Ada-Mai kept fighting at Leeds Children's Hospital and was discharged after six weeks.

Mum Zoe said of their daughter, now a healthy two-year-old: "She's a fighter. We're incredibly proud of her."

Steven added: "The doctors couldn't believe it. Everyone's amazed at how far she's come."

Everyone's amazed at how far she has come – DAD STEVEN

DARK WEB BIDS FOR DATA

CELEBS IN FEAR ON GEM SHOP HACK

A LUXURY jewellery brand loved by celebrities has been hacked — leading to fears it will trigger a dark web bidding war for their personal data.

Mayfair-based 77 Diamonds was targeted by cyber crooks who allegedly stole hundreds of thousands of customer details.

Myleene Klass, *left*, was linked to the jeweller after partner Simon Motson bought a nine-carat diamond ring featuring a 7.63-carat emerald-cut black diamond centre stone.

By JOSH SAUNDERS

Premier League footballers are also believed to be among its high-end clients.

Hackers now claim to have got private data including 409,000 addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, along with billing details for expensive rings.

An unverified post by a supposed crook, known as GOD User online, appears to be already touting the information on the dark web.

Cyber expert Muhammad Yahya Patel said: "When the data is more valuable, auctions take place with criminals trying to sell it on."

Tobias Kormind, the Denmark-born former investment banker behind 77 Diamonds, has emailed its customers from the past 11 years.

It is believed the company, reported to be Europe's biggest online diamond dealer, is in contact with the raider.

Ransomware negotiator Richard Foster said: "If these threat actors do have adresses of clients then that would be alarming."

Hacked . . . shop and Myleene ring

Generous . . . Frances

'Natural' to share a £115m lotto win

By ELEANOR GUNN

A LOTTERY winner has shrugged off giving away half her £115million jackpot – saying it is human nature to help others.

Frances Connolly has set up a charitable trust since winning a EuroMillions fortune with husband Paddy in 2019.

The mum of three and gran said despite giving away half her winnings she still had plenty for a good life, including a large home in Teesside and regular holidays.

But she said: "I don't know anybody who doesn't share something.

"I think it's in mankind to share when you get to a level where you have enough. Enough is a different level for everyone."

Former social worker and teacher Frances was speaking as seven athletes planned to mark her 60th birthday with a gruelling fund-raiser.

They will run, cycle or swim 60 miles for the couple's PFC Trust.

Pampered . . . Frances

M&S fan, 101, gets VIP tour with pals

By ED SOUTHGATE

A MARKS and Spencer fan aged 101 was given VIP treatment on a tour of her local store.

Frances Blair often shopped at M&S but has been in a care home for the past four years.

She and daughter Pat were treated to alcohol-free fizz and given flowers as part of Care UK's Wishing Tree initiative.

The M&S staff also laid on pamper sessions including hand massages and facials.

Frances. who lives at Tor-Na-Dee care home in Aberdeen, said: "I enjoyed the cafe and being shown around the different departments. The pampering made me feel special, like a VIP."

She and her fellow residents, Katherine Clark and May Bremner, also on the tour, were given M&S goody bags. Care manager Sue Jones-Wood said: "The visit enabled her to reminisce about cherished memories."

VICTIM'S PLEA AS SEX CRIMINAL

WARNING.. leaflets sparked outrage

EXCLUSIVE by
GRACE MACASKILL
Investigations Editor, Features

BY night, Sophie is haunted by terrifying images of the moment she was raped.

And her waking hours are troubled by the fact her attacker should have been deported from the UK long before he could commit his crime.

Sophie's rapist, 24-year-old Gift Oladele, was in Britain only because he successfully fought deportation to Nigeria after attacking another woman three years earlier.

The Sun can reveal he is among a number of migrants who have preyed on women outside pubs and clubs in hen-night and seaside hotspots.

In the past two years, at least 15 women have suffered night attacks by migrants – as statistics show a huge surge in the number of foreign criminals removed from the UK.

Many of the rapes and sexual assaults take place in run-down seaside resorts, where properties have been turned into multiple-occupancy migrant homes, while others are in towns and cities popular for hen nights. Victims are now calling for an inquiry, and the parent of one teenager who was attacked said: "This is a national emergency."

Our analysis comes after the Home Office started last month to issue asylum seekers with an online guide entitled Understanding Behaviours And Expectations In The UK, which warns that rape and harassment are illegal and that making unwanted "kissing sounds" at people in the street is unacceptable.

'Justice system not just broken but shattered'

It also cautions that sex with children is illegal, and "never try to have sex with someone who is asleep, drunk or unable to consent clearly".

Sophie, 20, said: "My rape wouldn't have happened had the Government done its job. The immigration judge who allowed my attacker to stay in Britain should hang his head in shame. British men attack women too, but you have to ask yourself what's going on when migrants are given advice on how not to attack or rape women. It's utterly bewildering."

Nigerian national Oladele was born in Italy before his family moved to Britain when he was 11. He lived illegally in the UK from 2012 until 2018, when he was given a "residence card" which was due to expire in 2024. The cards, which are no longer in use, were given to people joining a partner or relative already in the UK.

But because he is not a British citizen, he was ordered for deportation under the UK Borders Act 2007 after he was convicted of false imprisonment in December 2022.

Speaking during the trial, his 21-year-old victim from the first attack told how she might "never feel normal again" after Oladele grabbed her from behind, making her fear she would be raped.

She eventually fought him off.

At his deportation hearing, the migrant made submissions over his right to a "private life" but the Home Office said this was not sufficiently compelling to outweigh the public interest in deportation.

Oladele then appealed, however, at an asylum tribunal. He argued that he has a family life in the UK with his partner, and a private life, and that he would face insurmountable issues if deported to Italy or Nigeria.

Former cop Norman Brennan, who set up campaign group the Law And Order Foundation, said: "Many migrants hang about pubs and clubs because, let's face it, they've got nothing better to do. Which murder or rape by an asylum seeker will be one too many? The justice system is not just broken but shattered. All the promises for years about stopping the boats, smashing the gangs, one in, one out, has been nothing more than a public relations exercise."

Sophie was 19 when 6ft 5in Oladele struck up a conversation with her and a friend in the early hours on a night out in Wrexham city centre in September 2025.

After her pal got a taxi home, Oladele insisted on walking Sophie home, though she tried to "shake him off". When they neared her home she told him to go away, at which point he turned nasty and dragged her into woodland, where he raped her.

Sophie, whose real name cannot be revealed for legal reasons, said: "It was terrifying. He was really violent and hit me over the head six or seven times. I thought his face would be the last one I ever saw. My life hasn't been the same since.

"I've lost all my confidence and have been suicidal. I'm not the same girl who went out that night."

In April this year Oladele, now 25, was jailed for 17 years and given an extended licence period of eight years at Caernarfon Crown Court.

He was already on bail over another alleged rape, in his home city of Manchester in November 2024.

Astonishingly, he had won his battle to stay in the UK after being given a two-and-a-half-year sentence for falsely imprisoning the woman in Manchester in December 2022.

He had tried to restrain her on a street in daylight but she broke free.

The Home Office ordered Oladele's deportation but he appealed, arguing that being sent to Nigeria would breach his right to a family life.

The judge at his immigration tribunal in 2024 said the deportation was "finely balanced", and that while Oladele had committed a "very serious" offence, he would be a "complete outsider" should he relocate to Nigeria.

He added that Oladele had a "developed private life, having grown up in the United Kingdom", and claimed that outweighed the public interest in deporting him.

Analysis of court reporting shows at

Amer Mohammed: Sex attack in Margate

Amin Abedi Mofrad: Nine years for rape

Eid Anwar Fathi Najjar: Raped nightclub woman

Dilgash Adil, *left*, & Mohamme... Raped an 18-year-old nigh...

The migrant who raped me had been jailed for attacking a woman three years earlier.

Why was h... still in this country?

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d Abdulsalm: tclubber

Dan Tesfalul: Rape in nightclub car park

Abdolrahman Banafsha: Attacked teen on street

Abdelrahmen Adnan Abouelela: Hyde Park rape

Fawaz Alsamaou: Sex attack on clubber walking home

Ibrahim Alshafe, Karin Al-Danasurt and Abdulla Ahmadi: Jailed over rape on Brighton beach

SHAMEFUL . . . rapist Oladele won his fight against deportation despite earlier attack

LITANY OF CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN

HERE are just some of the attacks by asylum seekers on women on nights out over the past two years.

OXFORD: Amin Abedi Mofrad, 35, was jailed for nine and a half years for raping a 15-year-old girl in an alley in February 2024.

In January 2025 Iraqi asylum seeker Hussein Almiyyahi, 39, was jailed for 12 months for sexually assaulting three women in the city's Plush nightclub.

YORK: Egyptian national Eid Anwar Fathi Najjar, 21, was jailed for eight years in February for raping and sexually assaulting a woman he met in the Vudu Lounge nightclub in July last year.

Club staff tried to intervene by telling Najjar to "stay away" from the victim, who was in a "zombie-like" vulnerable state. He came to the UK illegally in 2022.

CARDIFF: Syrian asylum seeker Fawaz Alsamaou, 33, who was living in Huddersfield, West Yorks, strangled and sexually assaulted a woman under a bridge in Cardiff as she walked home from a nightclub in May 2024. He was jailed for 37 months.

BRIGHTON: Abdulla Ahmadi, 26, from Iran, and Ibrahim Alshafe, 26, from Egypt, raped a woman who had been on a night out and they were each jailed for 21 years; Karin Al-Danasurt, 21, from Egypt, was convicted of rape as a secondary party, after filming the attack, and was jailed for 18 and a half years.

BOURNEMOUTH: Syrian migrant Hassan Abou Hayleh, 39, drove around the town looking for a vulnerable drunken woman.

He was jailed for two years and ten months in August last year after sexually assaulting his eventual victim, a 19-year-old woman, as she waited on the kerb for a lift from her father in 2022.

Eritrean failed asylum seeker Abdoela Berhan, 35, left a 20-year-old woman a "crumpled, bloody mess" after knocking her unconscious when she rejected his advances outside a club in the town in 2024. He was given a six-month sentence for assault in July.

Trinidad-born migrant Chret Callender was living at the town's Britannia Hotel when he raped a woman who managed to record the attack on her phone in June 2025. Callender, 28, who was waiting for an appeal over his rejected asylum claim, was jailed for seven years in January.

WAKEFIELD: Sudanese asylum seeker Ayman Adam, 25, was jailed for seven years in 2024 for intentional strangulation, attempted rape and sexual assault after following a woman into a toilet cubicle at the town's Truth club and attempting to rape her. He then tried to strangle her.

NORWICH: Eritrean migrant Dan Tesfalul, 27, raped a woman in a car park after she left Qube nightclub in May 2024. He was jailed for eight years.

CHESHIRE: Asylum seekers Dilgash Adil, 32, and Mohammed Abdulsalm, 28, were each jailed for 11 years for raping a drunk 18-year-old girl they met in a club in Winsford before luring her back to their shared migrant house.

SOUTHAMPTON: Afghan migrant Musafar Hotak, 25, was jailed for ten years for raping a woman after she left the a bar in 2022. Hotak was jailed only this year after being caught by DNA matching.

CHELTENHAM: Iranian migrant Abdolrahman Banafsha, 20, who arrived in the UK on a small boat, sexually assaulted a 19-year-old woman who was walking home in August 2024. Last September he was given 27 months in a young offender institution.

MARGATE: Homeless Eritrean Amer Mohammed, 24, sexually assaulted a woman in the early hours of August 10, 2024, as she walked along the seafront. He struck after inviting her to a party.

WEST LONDON: Egyptian asylum seeker Abdelrahmen Adnan Abouelela, 42, was jailed for eight and a half years for raping a woman in Hyde Park. Abouelela, a married dad-of-one, attacked the woman as she walked home from a night out in November 2024.

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15 migrants have been sentenced assaults or rapes on women in or nd nightclubs and pubs in the two years — including Sophie's endous ordeal.

e crime figures include the rape woman on Brighton beach by e men who, a court heard, had ked bars and nightclubs on the ront "on the lookout for women . . . sexual purposes".

e men, who were living in a e Office-run hotel in Horsham, t Sussex, 18 miles from Brighton, on their victim as well as ing her and grabbing her throat ng the attack last October. She a court that she still hears their hter when she closes her eyes, ng: "My skin crawls – no matter hard I scrub it, I feel dirty."

sylum seekers Abdulla Ahmadi, from Iran, and Ibrahim Alshafe, 26, from Egypt were each jailed for 21 years for rape. Karin Al-Danasurt, 21, also from Egypt, was convicted of rape as a secondary party after filming the attack and was jailed for 18 years and six months.

There have been other attacks in York, Oxford and Cardiff – cities that have become fashionable for hen nights – while resorts such as Margate and Bournemouth have also seen assaults.

In another attack, Cleo Lake, 21, suffered a broken nose when punched by Abdoela Berhan after she rejected his advances outside a club in Bournemouth in December 2024.

In July of this year, he was jailed for six months.

Government statistics show that 16,021 migrants were still housed in 160 hotels across the UK at the end of June this year. Victims now want the Government to hold a public inquiry into migrant rapes and attacks. Sophie said: "We need to find out just how much of this is going on and put a stop to it." The mother of a 15-year-old girl who was raped by a small-boat migrant in an alley in Oxford after an under-18s disco said: "This should be declared a national emergency."

BRUTAL . . victim Cleo and CCTV of attack

Her daughter had been to a Valentine's disco with friends in February 2024 when Iranian Amin Abedi Mofrad, 35, attacked her.

He was given nine-and-a-half years in prison with an extended licence period of three years.

The victim's mother added: "The judge said my daughter's attacker was sitting on a bench waiting for a vulnerable woman to come along at 11pm. He was a known offender, having been convicted of crimes in Germany.

"There's a clear pattern that's gone unnoticed by the Government. We need an inquiry into these attacks because we are in a very, very dangerous situation now. The guidance on rape sent out to migrants shows the clear cultural differences."

In the year ending March this year, 5,858 foreign offenders were deported – an increase of 13 per cent on the previous year, according to the Home Office. It also says it is now deporting Sophie's rapist.

A spokesman said: "This was a horrific case and our thoughts are with the victim. It is only right this criminal has received a lengthy prison sentence, and deportation action has started.

"More than 80,000 illegal migrants and foreign criminals have been returned since the July 2024 election – a 41 per cent increase.

"We will always seek to deport foreign criminals at the earliest possible opportunity."

Monday TV GUIDE

Sun TV 4-PAGE SECTION

BBC ONE

6am Breakfast (S)
9.30 Morning Live Weekday magazine show. (S)
10.45 Rip Off Britain How scammers stole thousands from one woman after she had died. (S)
11.30 Homes Under The Hammer Featuring properties in south London and Dover. (R,S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt A special episode from one of France's biggest antiques fairs in Amiens. (S)
1.00 BBC News (S)
2.00 Money For Nothing Sarah Peterson transforms some retro chairs and JJ Chalmers attempts to restore a mid-century chest of drawers. (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country A couple consider moving to Bedfordshire's borders. (R,S)
3.45 Garden Rescue Chris Hull and Sue Kent create a deer-friendly garden in Cambridge. (S)
4.30 The Answer Run Quiz. (R,S)
5.15 Pointless Alexander Armstrong is joined by Gok Wan. (S)
6.00 BBC News (S)
6.30 Regional News (S) Followed by **Party Political Broadcast By Reform UK**

8pm Jane McMullen reports on fresh evidence in 9/11: The Saudi Connection

7.00 The One Show Alex Jones and JB Gill present the first visit of the week to the One Show studio, featuring the usual mix of topical stories and celebrity chat. (S)
7.30 EastEnders On the day of Cindy and Max, and Kim and Howie's weddings, Zoe encourages Tommy to open up. (S)
8.00 9/11: The Saudi Connection Jane McMullen reports on fresh evidence concerning the possible involvement of agents working on behalf of the Saudi government in the 9/11 attacks. (S)
9.00 Vigil (4/6) Henrik and Kirsten close in on the missing scientist. As tensions rise and new allegiances are formed, the danger of Svalbard's wilderness becomes apparent when a storm closes in. (S)
10.00 BBC News (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.40 Have I Got News For You (9/10) Roy Wood Jr hosts with guest panellists comedian and actor Guz Khan, and broadcaster Kirsty Wark, joining regular team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton. (R,S)
11.10 Testament Of Youth FILM A young woman gives up her place at Oxford University to be a nurse during the First World War. Period drama with Alicia Vikander. (2014) ✪✪✪✪ (S) Followed by **Weather For The Week Ahead**
1.20-6am BBC News (S)

BBC TWO

6.20 am Bargain Hunt (R,S)
7.05 Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef (R,S,SL)
8.05 Match Of The Day (R,S)
9.00 BBC News (S)
12.15 Politics Live (S)
1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (R,S)
1.30 The Edge (R,S)
2.15 Weatherman Walking (R,S)
2.45 Animal Park The keepers nervously await the arrival of a capybara. (R,S)
3.30 Who Do You Think You Are? Jessica Ennis-Hill traces her ancestry. (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow The team values more rarities at Mount Stewart. (R,S)
5.15 Flog It! Items at the City Hall in Hull include a collection of suffragette postcards and newspaper printing blocks. (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games With James Buckley, Amy Gledhill, Romilly Weeks and Gary Wilmot. (R,S)
6.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure The newsreader explores his heritage and the culture of the region. (R,S)

10pm Gordon and Ashley are determined to move on in Colin From Accounts

7.00 Global Eye Yemisi Adegoke reports on Nigeria's growing kidnapping crisis and meets girls who survived an abduction four years ago and are now back at school in defiance of their abductors. (S)
7.30 Mastermind (7/31) Specialist subjects include the films of Madonna. (S)
8.00 Only Connect (9/34) The Culture Club take on Ad Astra. (S)
8.30 University Challenge (8/37) Amol Rajan asks the questions as Birmingham takes on Leicester. (S)
9.00 Steeltown Murders: Hunting A Serial Killer This companion documentary to the BBC drama Steeltown Murders tells the inside story of the police investigation into the 1973 murders of three teenage girls. (R,S)
10.00 Colin From Accounts NEW (1/10) Gordon and Ashley are determined to move on from the proposal at Megan and Rumi's wedding, but a chance encounter at a suburban GP clinic throws their plans off course. (S)
10.30 Newsnight (S) Followed by **Weather**
11.05 A Thousand And One FILM Crime drama starring Teyana Taylor and Aaron Kingsley Adetola. (2023) ✪✪✪✪ (S)
12.55 Sign Zone: Lifeline (R,S,SL) **1.05** Countryfile (R,S,SL) **2.00** Emergency 24/7 (R,S,SL) **3.00-3.55am** Saving Lives At Sea (R,S,SL)

ITV1

6am Good Morning Britain Current affairs. (S)
9.30 Lorraine Entertainment and fashion news. (S)
10.00 This Morning Celebrity chat and lifestyle features. (S)
12.30 Loose Women Celebrity interviews and studio discussion from a female perspective. (S)
1.30 ITV News (S)
1.55 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson discovers a rock 'n' roll legend in Grimsby, Debbie Serpell relives her childhood and Karen Dalmeny has a secret admirer. (R,S)
3.00 Lingo Quiz hosted by Adil Ray. (R,S) Followed by **Local Weather**
4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (R,S)
5.00 The Chase Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)
6.00 Regional News (S) Followed by **Party Political Broadcast By Reform UK**
6.30 ITV News (S)

9pm Lana and her team are directed to an airfield in Trigger Point

7.30 Millionaire Hot Seat Six new contestants face Jeremy Clarkson as they race against the clock, answering questions, hoping to climb the Money Ladder. (S)
8.00 Emmerdale Sarah's world is shattered, while Lewis is excited and Caleb looks hot under the collar. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Kit regrets a night of passion, but a devastating diagnosis soon gives him more important matters to fret about, and Debbie pays tribute to Ronnie during her birthday celebrations. (S)
9.00 Trigger Point (4/6) With talks of a possible catastrophe to come, Lana and her team are on edge as they are directed to an airfield. Thriller starring Vicky McClure and Jonas Armstrong. (S)
10.00 ITV News At Ten (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.45 Rush Hour 2 FILM The two mismatched detectives travel to Hong Kong when terrorists bomb the US embassy, and are soon involved in keeping tabs on the prime suspects – high-ranking Triad members involved in an international counterfeiting ring. Action comedy sequel starring Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, John Lone, Zhang Ziyi, Roselyn Sanchez and Harris Yulin. (2001) ✪✪✪ (S)
12.15 Shop On TV 3.00 The Rainmaker (R,S,SL) **3.50** Unwind With ITV (S) **5.05-6am** Dickinson's Real Deal (R,S,SL)

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6.30 am The King Of Queens (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond Three episodes. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It The carcass of an old Land Rover is transformed into a garden seat. (R,S)
1.10 The Great House Giveaway Transforming a wrecked terrace house In Burton-on-Trent. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun A holiday home in Mallorca. (R,S)
4.00 Help! We Bought A Village NEW A British couple steps in to rescue a fledgling French farming hamlet. (S)
5.00 Four In A Bed The competition kicks off at the Rosemay Hotel in Hayes. (S)
5.30 Come Dine With Me The first week of dinner parties in 2026 comes from Bradford. (R,S)
6.00 A New Life In The Sun: Where Are They Now? In France, Chris and James build the finishing piece of their beer garden. (S)

9pm A train passenger notices something disturbing in 999: What Happened Next

7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 Fred's Ultimate Hotels Fred Sirieix heads to the Royal Madikwe Luxury Safari Lodge, in one of South Africa's largest private wildlife reserves, and helps to prepare a traditional bush braai. (S)
9.00 999: What Happened Next NEW A train passenger notices something disturbing on a fellow traveller's phone, leading to a complex investigation that raises urgent questions about child exploitation. (S)
10.00 Love Cheats When 24-year-old Michelle met charismatic head chef Stuart, she thought she'd found the perfect family man. The couple began planning a lavish wedding and a trendy new cocktail bar. But Stuart was a con artist and Michelle set about bringing the serial fraudster to justice. (S)
11.05 24 Hours In Police Custody: The Ambush (2/2) A 17-year-old boy is in a coma fighting for his life after a serious assault. Officers believe he was attacked as part of a territorial dispute between drug gangs. (R,S)
12.05 The Jury: 14 And On Trial For Murder A dramatic restaging of a real-life murder trial. (R,S,SL) **1.55** Secret Lives Of Gypsy Wives (R,S,SL) **2.50** George Clarke's Adventures In Americana (R,S,SL) **3.45** Jamie: Eat Yourself Healthy (R,S,SL) **4.40** Hollyoaks Omnibus (R,S,SL) **5.50-6.30am** Countdown (R,S)

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6am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine The broadcaster and guests discuss the issues of the day. (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis (S)
12.45 5 News (S)
12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money. (S)
2.20 My Two Husbands FILM A charming flight attendant juggles two marriages, but her plan to fleece one spouse faces a problem. Thriller starring Kabby Borders and Isabelle Almoyan. (2024) ✪✪ (S)
4.00 Castle The author and Beckett investigate a murder on a cruise ship and discover the vessel was being used to smuggle uncut heroin. (R,S)
4.55 Love Nature Cameras follow the marine conservation manager at Ulster Wildlife. (R,S)
5.00 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.00 Amazing Railway Adventures With Nick Knowles The presenter experiences the wonders of the world, by train. (R,S) Then **5 News Update**

9pm Lisa trails a suspected fare evader in Fare Dodgers: At War With The Law

7.00 Traffic Cops Officers go on the lookout for a suspected stolen van. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**
8.00 Police Interceptors Officers pursue a 15-year-old suspected of stealing his grandparents' car. (S)
9.00 Fare Dodgers: At War With The Law After months of tracking his movements, Transport for London investigator Lisa trails a suspected fare evader thought to owe TfL more than £2,500. In Nottingham, revenue protection agent Michael from Nottingham Express Transit is forced to hold the tram when a group of college students without tickets refuse to get off, causing a fellow passenger to take matters into his own hands. (S)
10.00 Police: Suspect No 1 Detectives hunt for a sexual predator after lone females walking in parkland in and around Hull are left traumatised after a man indecently exposes himself in broad daylight. (R,S)
11.05 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders A collection of crashes. (R,S)
12.35 A&E: Crash Scene Emergency (R,S) **1.30** Teleshopping (R,S) **2.30** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S) **3.20** Castle (R,S) **4.10** The Highland Vet (R,S,SL) **5.05** The Wonderful World Of Chocolate (R,S,SL) **5.25** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **5.35** Paw Patrol (R,S,SL) **5.50-6am** Mixmups (R,S,SL)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS S4C: **6am** Cyw **12.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05** Richard Holt: Yr Academi Felys **12.30** Heno **1.00** Straeon Harri Parri **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Miwsig Fy Mywyd **4.00** Awr Fawr: Blociau Rhif **4.05** Sam Tan **4.15** Bendibwmbwls **4.25** Sion Y Chef **4.40** Amser Maith Maith Yn Ôl **5.00** Stwnsh: Dennis A Dannedd **5.10** Bwystfil **5.20** Taclo'r Tywydd **5.45** Newyddion Ni **6.00** Arfordir Cymru: Sir Benfro **6.30** Lowri Morgan: Her 333 **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Y Sîn **8.25** Garddio A Mwy **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Ffermio **9.33** Y Tywydd **9.35** Cefn Gwlad **10.35** Y Deis **11.05-12.10am** Y Fets BBC ONE WALES: **6.55-7pm** Party Political Broadcast By Reform UK ITV WALES: **6.25-6.30pm** Party Political Broadcast By Reform UK

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WINNERS . . . choir on BGT

CHOIR ON SONG AT GONGS

IT'S been quite the year for Britain's Got Talent winners, The Hawkstone Farmers Choir.

The 32-strong group, founded by JEREMY CLARKSON, made history by becoming the first choir to be crowned champions in the ITV show's 19-year history.

And tomorrow, they will open the National Television Awards with a spine-tingling performance of Elbow's One Day Like This, I can reveal.

It's the song that brought the BGT judges to tears.

The choir, made up of working farmers, will also sing at the Royal Variety Performance later this year, before releasing their debut album, This Is Home, on November 6 and heading off on their first 18-date national tour in March 2027.

The group was originally started by Jezza for an advert for his Hawkstone brewery.

Watch the NTAs on ITV1 at 8pm tomorrow to see the choir in action.

LENNY RUSH, star of BBC comedy Am I Being Unreasonable?, has landed a role in the new Harry Potter TV series. He'll play house elf Dobby in the HBO show, which is out at Christmas. Lenny joins KIT HARINGTON and SIR KENNETH BRANAGH in the new TV adaptation of J.K ROWLING's books.

LONDON LADIES RETURN

FANS were devastated when they heard the second series of Ladies Of London: The New Reign wasn't happening.

But I can reveal the wheels are now officially in motion for a return, with cameras set to roll this autumn.

The Bravo reboot, featuring Strictly star LADY EMMA THYNN, Made In Chelsea's MARK-FRANCIS VANDELLI, fashion designer LOTTIE KANE, shipping heiress KIMI MURDOCH and ex-model MARTHA SITWELL was fun and full of drama.

HIT . . . Martha

A source told me: "They've resolved an issue that came up during series one and now the gang is ready to return for series two. They can't wait.

"We'll see nearly everyone back, barring one or two.

"Expect more glamorous and salacious gossip."

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GEAR STIG

Motoring show's iconic character to return

THERE are likely to be quite a few changes to Top Gear when the show reboot arrives – but one classic element will remain.

While discussions are ongoing about who will host the BBC show when it returns, I can reveal that The Stig will be reprising his very important role as the silent-as-the-grave test driver.

Producers are currently finalising who will don the famous white suit and helmet, though – as, given the driving whizz's anonymity, they won't be able to reveal their identity.

A show insider said: "Show bosses will obviously want to mark the start of a new era with some tweaks to the show, but they also want the new Top Gear to have some familiarity.

"And The Stig was one of the most important elements that went from the golden age under JEREMY CLARKSON, RICHARD HAMMOND and JAMES MAY right through to the most recent series in 2022. So bringing them back was a bit of a no-brainer." The Stig first made an appearance in the second reboot of Top Gear on BBC Two in 2002 with the white suit being filled by former Formula One driver Perry McCarthy.

COMEBACK 1

MYSTERY . . . Stig on show in Noughties

A year later, racing driver Ben Collins took on the role, and did the job up until 2010. The position was then filled by Phil Keen until 2022.

Paul Rees recently confirmed to The Sun that he was also The Stig in 2022, and was in the passenger seat at the time of the horror crash that seriously injured one of the show's then-hosts, FREDDIE FLINTOFF.

The incident led to the series being shelved and Paul is now taking BBC Studios to court, claiming in excess of £100,000 in damages. The BBC strenuously denies negligence.

It is unclear what names are currently in the frame for The Stig job, though television execs are said to be considering a wide variety of options.

In the meantime, deliberations continue on who will take on the three hosting roles with comedian JIMMY CARR firmly in the frame but yet to sign. BBC Studios declined to comment.

COMEBACK 2

TENSION . . . Sakira as Ash with on-screen mum Suki

ASH YOU WERE, SUKI

EXPECT more family drama in Walford as Ash Panesar returns to EastEnders.

The bisexual GP was last seen three years ago when she left to work in Canada.

Before then, she'd clashed with her mum Suki, played by BALVINDER SOPAL, who struggled to accept her sexuality and slept with Ash's ex, Peter Beale.

Ash's unexpected return is sure to bring plenty of unresolved tension to the surface.

The character will now be played by SAKIRA VEL after GURLAINE KAUR GARCHA quit the role in 2023.

East London native Sakira said: "EastEnders was essentially the backdrop to my childhood.

"Taking on the role of Ash is a real honour and I cannot wait for the audience to see what we have in store as she dives straight into the Panesar family chaos".

We'll see Sakira on screen this autumn – and, as a doctor-turned-actor, she's perfect for the part.

LAUGHS . . . Iain and Joel

JOEL JIG PROBLEM FOR IAIN

IAIN STIRLING got an early taste of JOEL DOMMETT'S National Television Awards after-party moves as the host treated him to a rather saucy private dance on his show.

The Love Island narrator is back with the second series of his Roast The Internet and invited Joel to help him poke fun at viral clips. But when they ridiculed dance videos, Joel started doing a silly jig to make Iain feel uncomfortable.

Iain laughed: "Filming with Joel and him doing stand-up comedy on every single thing I've ever posted on the internet destroyed my self-worth."

Teasing what fans can expect from the Comedy Central series, which starts tonight at 9pm, Iain added: "We look at some of the wildest stuff on the net and try and work out how the hell it got there."

I wonder if any antics from tomorrow night's NTAs will make it on the next series . . .

FANS of The Celebrity Traitors can't wait for the new series – and RICHARD OSMAN reckons there's just over two weeks to go. Speaking to rugby ace and ex-contestant JOE MARLER on his The Rest Is Entertainment podcast, Osman claimed the BBC One show will return on September 23.

BERCOW TO BOX CLEVER

KEEPING politicians in check in the House Of Commons is a tough gig, but former Speaker JOHN BERCOW says it is easy compared to his latest project.

He's one of ten celebrities put to the test in ITV's new big budget gameshow The Box, hosted by GARY LINEKER.

TASKS . . . John

The famous faces are shut in boxes before being released in mystery locations to complete challenges – and John admits the surprise element of the show caught him off-guard.

He said: "As Speaker, I knew the names of 600 MPs, their party and constituency.

"But coming out of The Box and having to do a task against the clock without making a gaffe is far more difficult."

Read TV Reporter Janine's review of the series on P30/31.

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FREEVIEW

BBC THREE freeview 23

7pm The Catch Up **7.05** Deadly 60 **8.00** The Great British Sewing Bee **9.00** Blackmailed: The Sextortion Killers **10.00** Silent Witness **12.00** Shabaz Asks: Are Billionaires Bad? **12.50** Jared Leto: Hollywood's Dark Secret **1.50-2.20am** Paddy & Molly: Show No Mersey

BBC FOUR freeview 9

7pm The Architecture The Railways Built **7.45** The Flying Gardener **8.00** Archaeology: A Secret History **9.00** Mastermind: 1977 **9.30** Call My Bluff **10.00** The Search For The Lost Manuscript: Julian Of Norwich **11.00** Romancing The Stone: The Golden Ages Of British Sculpture **12.00** Nature And Us: A History Through Art **1.00** The Flying Gardener **1.15-2.10am** Archaeology: A Secret History

ITV2 freeview 6

6am Backyard Builds **6.30** Dinner Date **7.30** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **8.20** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **9.15** The Only Way Is Essex **10.15** Dawson's Creek **11.10** Charmed **12.10** Deal Or No Deal **1.10** Supermarket Sweep **2.10** Wheel Of Fortune **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** Wheel Of Fortune **8.00** The 1% Club For Soccer Aid **9.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.00** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30** Plebs **1.55-2.20am** Deep Fake Neighbour Wars

ITV3 freeview 10

6am George And Mildred **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.05** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Poirot **11.25** Heartbeat **1.30** The Royal **2.35** Wild At Heart **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Downton Abbey **11.25** Scott & Bailey **1.25** George And Mildred **1.50-2.30am** Unwind With ITV

ITV4 freeview 26

6am Magnum, PI **8.05** Minder **9.10** The Sweeney **11.20** The Professionals **12.25** The Champions **1.35** American Pickers **3.45** The Sweeney **4.50** The Professionals **5.55** Minder **7.00** Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads **8.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00 FILM** Red Heat. A Russian detective and a Chicago cop put aside their mutual mistrust to catch an escaped Soviet drug baron. Action thriller starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. (1988) **11.10** Benidorm **12.05** Lost **1.05-2am** Motorsport UK

E4 freeview 13

6am Hollyoaks **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Couples Come Dine With Me **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **12.00** The Simpsons **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **8.00** The Great Celebrity Bake Off For Stand Up To Cancer **9.00** Below Deck Down Under **10.00** Gogglebox **11.00** First Dates **12.05** Naked Attraction's Best Naughty Bits **1.10-2.10am** Below Deck Down Under

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8.55am Four In A Bed **11.35** Come Dine With Me **2.15** Four In A Bed **4.50** Car S.O.S **6.50** Grand Designs **9.00** PopMaster TV **10.00** 24 Hours In A&E **12.05** 999: On The Front Line **1.10-2.15am** 24 Hours In A&E

TASK FORCE . . . Gary Lineker hosts ten celebrities on The Box

THE BOX
ITV

TEN celebrities trapped in bright yellow boxes screaming "I'm Joey Essex" – what crazy universe I have entered?

"I'm confused," says reality star Joey, who does tend to live in a permanently perplexed state. But on this occasion, I'm with the former Towie star.

ITV's latest bright idea for a gameshow is baffling.

Not because it's complicated – in fact, it's so very simple.

It sees well-known faces deposited at mystery locations and set tasks to complete.

You've got great minds like former Speaker of the House of Commons John Bercow flummoxed by the rules of an egg and spoon race. And football legend Graeme Souness's survival decided by rock, paper, scissors.

With Gary Lineker as host, hopes were high. Fresh from exiting BBC's Match Of The Day, his ITV foray into entertainment telly piqued interest. But like the egg and spoon race on a horse track, it falls at the first hurdle.

What we see of Gary is great but a bit more of him wouldn't have gone amiss. The celebs aren't bad either. There's also Dragons' Den's Sara Davies, The Chase's Jenny Ryan, JLS singer JB Gill, presenter Ellie Taylor, Love Island's Shakira Khan and Good Morning Britain host Ranvir Singh. The only one I hadn't heard of was YouTuber Danny Aarons.

They're running around on an industrial site like headless chickens in the first task, looking for hexagon-shaped tokens. In a classic Joey moment, he says: "I don't know

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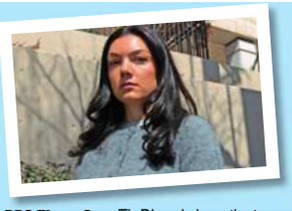
SKY MIX freeview 11

7am Border Security: Canada's Front Line **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Nothing To Declare **11.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **12.00** Caught On Dashcam **1.00** Police 24/7 **2.00** Nothing To Declare **4.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Star Trek: Voyager **7.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation **8.00** Hawaii Five-0 **9.00** Evil **10.00** The Walking Dead: The Ones Who Live **11.00** Grimm **12.00** Wynonna Earp **1.00-2am** Police 24/7



BBC Three 9pm Tir Dhondy investigates in Blackmailed: The Sextortion Killers

U&DAVE freeview 19

7.30am Pointless **8.20** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.20** Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes **12.20** Top Gear **2.20** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **3.00** Speed With Guy Martin **4.00** Hairy Bikers' Best Of British **5.00** Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes **7.00** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **7.40** Would I Lie To You? **9.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **10.00** QI XL **11.00** Taskmaster: Champion Of Champions **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40-2am** Would I Lie To You?

U&DRAMA freeview 20

7.35am The Bill **8.30** Doctors **9.40** Classic Holby City **11.00** Casualty **12.00** The Bill **1.00** Classic EastEnders **2.20** Classic Neighbours **3.20** Sister Boniface Mysteries **4.20** Kingdom **5.20** As Time Goes By **6.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** The Brokenwood Mysteries **10.00** New Tricks **11.00** Copper **12.00** Lovejoy **1.00-2am** Sister Boniface Mysteries

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6am Fantasy Homes By The Sea **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Escape To The Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **5.00** Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Repair Shop **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **11pm-2am** Help! My House Is Haunted

U&YESTERDAY freeview 27

6.10am The Architecture The Railways Built **8.00** Bangers & Cash **10.00** Rise Of The Nazis: Dictators At War **11.00** The World At War **12.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Rise Of The Nazis: Dictators At War **5.00** The World At War **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Mammals **8.00** Canal Boat Diaries **10.00** Bangers & Cash **1.00-2am** Find It, Fix It, Flog It

U&W freeview 25

6.15am Property Brothers: Forever Homes **7.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: Grenfell **11.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **1.00** Tipping Point **4.00** Property Brothers: Forever Homes **5.00** DIY SOS: Grenfell **6.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK **9.00** Inside The Ambulance: Coast And Country **10.00** The Idaho Murders: Trial By TikTok **11.20** Killer Women With Piers Morgan **1.30-2am** My Family

QUEST freeview 17

6am Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **7.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **11.00** Outback Opal Hunters **1.00** The Repair Shop **2.00** Shed And Buried **3.00** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **4.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **8.00** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **9.00** Ant Anstead: Born Mechanic **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** How Do They Do It? **1.00-2am** Salvage Hunters

THAT'S TV freeview 56

8am Rising Damp **8.30** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em **9.05** You Rang, M'Lord? **10.10** Bread **10.45** Steptoe And Son **11.25** Oh, Doctor Beeching! **12.00** Rising Damp **12.35** Man About The House **1.05** Goodnight Sweetheart **1.40** When The Boat Comes In **2.45** Minder **3.50** Just Good Friends **4.25** Man About The House **4.55** Bread **5.30** Birds Of A Feather **6.00** That's 60s: Best Music Live! **6.10** Rising Damp **6.40** Steptoe And Son **7.20** Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads? **7.55** Minder **9.00** Benidorm **9.55** Shameless **10.55** Man About The House **11.25** Mind Your Language **12.00** Benidorm **12.55-2.05am** Minder

SPORT

TNT Sports 1 10am Reigning English Open champion Mark Allen in action

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6am Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **10.00** Sky Sports FC **11.00** Ref Watch **12.00** Lunchtime **2.00** The EFL Show **3.00** Sports Desk **3.30** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day nine of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York. **12.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day nine of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York. **2.30-5.30am** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day nine of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York.

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

6am PL Highlights **7.00** SNF **7.30** PL Highlights **8.30** SNF **9.00** PL Highlights **10.00** Sky Sports FC **11.00** Ref Watch **12.00** Premier League Stories **12.30** The Big Interview **1.00** PL Highlights **2.30** SNF **3.00** PL Highlights **5.00** The Premier League Show **6.00** Ref Watch **6.30** PL Highlights **7.00** PL Review **8.00** Ref Watch **8.30** PL Legends **9.00** PL Review **10.00** PL Highlights **11.00** Ref Watch **11.30** Premier League Stories **12.00** PL Legends **12.30** The Big Interview **1.00-3am** PL Retro

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6am EFL League One Goals **6.30** EFL League Two Goals **7.00** EFL Highlights **9.00** SPFL Round-Up **9.15** SPFL Highlights **9.30** WSL **10.00** EFL League One Goals **10.30** EFL League Two Goals **11.00** EFL **1.00** EFL Greatest Games **1.15** EFL Highlights **1.30** SPFL Round-Up **1.45** SPFL Highlights **2.00** The EFL Show **3.00** WSL **3.30** EFL League One Goals **4.00** EFL League Two Goals **4.30** EFL Highlights **5.30** WSL **6.00** SPFL Round-Up **6.15** SPFL Highlights **6.30** Bundesliga Highlights Show **7.30** LIVE EFL. Bromley v AFC Wimbledon. Kick-off at 8.00. Coverage of the League One match from Copperjax Community Stadium. **10.30** Bundesliga Highlights Show **11.30** EFL Highlights **12.00-2.45am** EFL Cup Retro

SKY SPORTS NFL

6am Super Bowl LX Highlights **7.00** Super Bowl LIX Highlights **8.00** Super Bowl LV Highlights **10.00** NFL: America's Game **11.00** NFL Super Bowl LI Highlights **1.00** Good Morning Football **3.00** The Proving Ground **3.30** NFL Bitesize Highlights **4.00** NFL: America's Game **5.00** NFL Bitesize Highlights **5.30** The Proving Ground **6.00** Super Bowl LV Highlights **8.00** NFL: America's Game **9.00** NFL Highlights **10.00** NFL Fantasy **11.00** Super Bowl LIX Highlights **12.00** The Insiders **1.00-2am** NFL: America's Game

SKY SPORTS +

6am Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **8.00** World Matchplay Darts **12.30** Lunchtime **2.00** The EFL Show **3.00** Sports Desk **3.30pm-2am** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day nine of the Grand Slam at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, New York.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6am Women's International One-Day Cricket **9.00** International T20 Cricket **11.30** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **12.00** One-Day International Cricket **3.00** Women's International One-Day Cricket **6.00** Women's ICC World T20 Cricket **6.30** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **7.00** International T20 Cricket **8.00** Test Cricket **12.00-2am** Women's International One-Day Cricket

SKY SPORTS GOLF

6am School Of Golf **6.30** Solheim Cup Golf **8.30** Ladies European Tour Golf **9.30** PGA Tour Champions **10.30** Legends Tour Golf **11.30** DP World Tour Golf **4.30** Walker Cup Golf **7.30** PGA Tour Golf **8.30** DP World Tour Golf **9.00** Ladies European Tour Golf **10.00** Solheim Cup Golf **1.00-2am** Women In Golf: Breaking With Tradition

ENTERTAINMENT

Sky One 9pm Lucy Boynton and Rami Malek in Queen biopic Bohemian Rhapsody

SKY ONE

6am Mornings **7.00** Mornings With Ridge And Frost **8.00** Stargate SG-1 **10.00** La Brea **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00** Africa's Hunters **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Superstore **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Great Barrier Reef With David Attenborough. Unlocking the secrets of the natural wonder. **9.00 FILM** Bohemian Rhapsody. While Queen become one of the biggest rock bands in the world, Freddie Mercury struggles with his personal life. Biopic, starring Rami Malek and Lucy Boynton. (2018) **11.30** Grimm. Nick investigates a theft and murder at a spice shop. **12.30** Evil **1.30-2am** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC

6am The Guest Wing **8.00** Billions **10.15** The Last Of Us **12.20** Homicide: Life On The Street **2.00** Billions **4.10** The White Lotus **6.45** The Last Of Us **9.00 FILM** Molly's Game. Fact-based drama about Molly Bloom, a skier who ran the world's most exclusive high-stakes poker game and became an FBI target. Starring Jessica Chastain and Idris Elba. (2017) **11.30** The Last Of Us. Ellie and Dina find themselves in a battle between the Seraphites and a militia. **12.40-2am** The Penguin

SKY WITNESS

6am Sun, Sea And A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** Nothing To Declare UK **10.00** Caught On Dashcam **11.00** Police 24/7 **12.00** FBI **2.00** The Rookie **3.00** Blue Bloods **4.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Caught On Dashcam. Road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras. **9.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. With little evidence to guide them, the SVU steps in when a woman undergoing psychedelic-assisted therapy recovers a buried memory of assault, while Curry starts her new role. **10.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. The murders of a university president and his assistant present the detectives with a number of suspects, from fellow academics to members of the student fraternity. **11.00** The Rookie **12.00-2am** FBI

U&GOLD

7.30am Don't Wait Up **8.00** Ever Decreasing Circles **8.40** Porridge **9.20** The Green Green Grass **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.40** Last Of The Summer Wine **12.00** Ever Decreasing Circles **12.40** Porridge **1.20** The Good Life **2.40** The Green Green Grass **3.20** Are You Being Served? **4.00** Ever Decreasing Circles **4.40** The Good Life **5.20** Last Of The Summer Wine **6.40** The Good Life **7.20** Dad's Army. Walker is accused of treason. **8.00** The Vicar Of Dibley **9.20** The Royle Family. Jim is surprised by the wedding costs. **10.00** Not Going Out. Lucy plans an anniversary party for her parents. **10.40** The Vicar Of Dibley **12.00** The Royle Family **12.40** Not Going Out **1.20-2.35am** The Outlaws

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am The Upper Hand **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond **11.00** Impractical Jokers **1.00** Friends **9.00** Iain Stirling's Roast The Internet. With Joel Dommett, Stevie Martin and Desiree Burch. **10.00** Jimmy Carr's Am I The A**hole? Stories include a man who faked having a baby and a brutal date dodger. **11.00** Mr Bean **12.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **1.00-2am** South Park

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7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **10.00** The Mentalist **12.00** Body Of Proof **1.00** Death In Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist **6.00** Body Of Proof **7.00** Private Eyes. Shade and Angie return to solve more cases in Toronto. **8.00** My Life Is Murder. A falling concrete gargoyle kills a man at a party. **9.00** Death In Paradise. The president of the local military re-enactment society dies mid-battle. **10.00** Father Brown. A medieval murder is committed at a battle re-enactment. **11.00** Private Eyes. Shade and Angie return to solve more cases in Toronto. **12.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **1.00-2am** Father Brown

SKY COMEDY

8am Will & Grace **9.00** Sort Of **10.00** Based On A True Story **11.20** Will & Grace **12.20** Hacks **1.40** Based On A True Story **3.00** Will & Grace **4.00** The Office Movers **5.00** Community **6.00** Will & Grace **7.00** The US Office **8.00** Animal Control **9.00** Bill Maher: Is Anyone Else Seeing This? Comedian Bill Maher performs his stand-up routine. **10.15** The Baby. Comedy drama starring Michelle de Swarte and Amira Ghazalla. **11.35** Hacks **12.15** Animal Control **1.15-2.15am** The Office Movers

DISCOVERY

6am How It's Made **7.00** Treehouse Masters **9.00** Gold Rush **11.00** Building Off The Grid **1.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **3.00** Baggage Battles **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Wheeler Dealers. Mike Brewer and Ant Anstead work on a 1964 Falcon Ranchero. **8.00** Ant Anstead Master Mechanic. Two episodes. **9.00** Maine Cabin Masters. The team donates a build to the local YMCA. **10.00** Building Off The Grid. A family build an eco-friendly straw bale house in Southwest Colorado. **11.00** Expedition Files **12.00** Deadliest Catch **1.00-2am** Maine Cabin Masters

RADIO

Virgin Radio 6.30am Chris Evans talks to guests and plays the best music

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6.30am Chris Evans **10.00** Emma B **2.00** Ben Jones **6.00** Geoff Lloyd **10.00** Jen Thomas **2.00-6.30am** Steve Denyer

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6am Jeremy Kyle **10.00** Julia Hartley Brewer **1.00** Ian Collins **4.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **7.00** Peter Cardwell **10.00** Petrie Hosken **1.00** Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Through The Papers

TALKSPORT 1053, 1089MW talksport.com

6am Jeff Stelling **10.00** Jim White And Simon Jordan **1.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs **4.00** TalkSPORT Drive **7.00** Kick Off **10.00** The Sports Bar **1.00-5am** Extra Time

TV GUIDE

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what the shape is." Ranvir opens up about her nightmare scenario – water. "I can't swim, I nearly drowned," she reveals.

And just like that she's faced with her biggest fear – swimming to a buoy. A task that feels rather contrived.

Manly Graeme comes to the rescue and gives her his token. He gives another to John.

"I'm a team player," says Graeme.

A lovely gesture but also a canny trick to get the hell out of dodge. It ultimately lands him in rock, paper, scissors duel with Danny.

There are flashes of good fun but The Box is not box clever.

JANINE YAQOOB

WAIT . . . police at train platform

tv picks

999 – WHAT HAPPENED NEXT, Channel 4, 9pm: The first of the two stories in this returning crime series starts a little differently to the usual 999 calls emergency services receive.

That's because it's reported via text by a passenger on a moving train, who has seen the man in front of him watching footage of child sexual abuse and asking someone to send him more.

With the train fast approaching London Euston, British Transport Police have just minutes to act. Will they be able to intercept the train and make their arrest?

Elsewhere, a man has discovered his Range Rover has been stolen from his drive – but there's more to this than meets the eye. A fascinating insight into how criminals are captured and brought to justice.

COLIN FROM ACCOUNTS, BBC Two, 10pm: Who can forget Gordon's toe-curling wedding dancefloor proposal to Ash at the end of series two?

Well if you don't, as the third and final series gets under way we're given a brief reminder of the moment, before jumping to three years later.

It's safe to say a lot has changed and when Ash and Gordon meet unexpectedly at a GP clinic, it's brilliantly awkward.As with all good love stories, it's obvious there could still be something lingering – not just their mutual love of Colin.

So will they again or won't they again?

It's well worth the wait. All episodes are available on iPlayer.

IAIN STIRLING'S ROAST THE INTERNET, Comedy Central, 9pm: Stop social media scrolling. Host Iain has done all the hard work for you as he returns to ridicule all things on the net.

As series two kicks off, he is joined by guests – Joel Dommett, Desiree Burch and Stevie Martin – who share their comical criticism of viral clips from TikTok dances to oversharing.

THE BODIES ON THE BRIDGE, C+I, 9pm: When two suitcases containing human remains were found on Bristol's Clifton Suspension Bridge in 2024, there were many chilling questions.

This two-part documentary delves into the case in horrifying detail.

CCTV and doorbell footage, phone recordings and access to the court proceedings and police officers, help piece together the murders of civil partners Paul Longworth and Albert Alfonso.

RIANNE ISON

TNT SPORTS 1

6am Premier League Review **7.00** Premier League Stories **7.30** Premier League – The Big Interview **8.00** Premier League **9.30** UEFA Champions League Magazine **10.00** LIVE Snooker Home Nations Series English Open. The first session in the first round of the tournament. **12.00** The Football Archives: UEFA Champions League **1.00** LIVE Snooker Home Nations Series English Open. The first round. **3.00** LIVE Snooker Home Nations Series English Open. The first round. **5.00** The Football Archives: UEFA Champions League **5.30** Premier League Stories **6.00** Premier League Review **7.00** LIVE Snooker Home Nations Series English Open. The first round. **9.00** LIVE Snooker Home Nations Series English Open. The first round. **11.00** LIVE MLB. San Deigo Padres v Washington Nationals. Start-time at 10.10. **1.00-4am** LIVE MLB. San Francisco Giants v St Louis Cardinals. Start-time at 1.10.

TNT SPORTS 2

6am The WRC Magazine **6.30** World Superbikes **8.00** Serie A **10.00** PREM Rugby Cup **11.00** Premier League Legends **12.00** Premier League Review **1.00** CPL Highlights **2.00** The WRC Magazine **2.30** UEFA Champions League Magazine **3.00** Serie A **5.00** MLB Highlights **6.00** LIVE MLB. Philadelphia Phillies v Atlanta Braves. Start-time at 6.05. **9.00** Fishing: On the Bank **10.00** LIVE MLB. San Deigo Padres v Washington Nationals. Start-time at 10.10. **1.00-4am** UFC

TNT SPORTS 3

6am AFL **12.00** TNT Sports Cricket Reload **12.30** The Gallagher PREM **1.00** MLB Highlights **2.00** Cycling **3.00** Cycling **4.00** Cycling **5.00** CPL Highlights **6.00** LIVE Ultimate Pool. Group 1 of the Mixed Team event. **9.30** Cycling **9.45** Original Documentary **10.00** IFSC Climbing World Series Highlights **11.00** NWSL **1.00-2am** CPL Highlights

PREMIER SPORTS 1

6am Karting **7.00** Show Jumping **8.00** Sporting Greats **9.00** LaLiga **11.00** Sporting Countdowns **11.30** SPFL **1.30** LaLiga **3.30** Sporting Countdowns **4.00** LaLiga **5.55** LIVE LaLiga. Getafe v Celta Vigo. **8.00** LaLiga **8.25** LIVE LaLiga. Elche v Real Sociedad. Kick-off at 8.30. **10.30** Sporting Countdowns **11.30** LaLiga **1.30-2am** Sporting Countdowns

TALKSPORT2 DAB talksport.com

8am TalkSPORT 2 Special **3.00** The Social **5.00** The Monday Club With William Hill **6.00** EFL All Access **7.00** The Women's Football Show **8pm-8am** TalkSPORT 2 Special

TIMES RADIO DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

6am Kate McCann And Stig Abell **10.00** Hugo Rifkind **1.00** Andrew Neil **2.00** Jane Garvey And Fi Glover **4.00** John Pienaar **7.00** Kait Borsay **10.00** Carole Walker **1.00** The Best Of Times Radio **5.00-6am** Tom Nunan

RADIO 1 97.6-99.8FM bbc.co.uk/radio1

7am Greg James **10.30** Newsbeat **10.33** Charlie And Jerry **12.45** Newsbeat **1.00** Matt And Mollie **3.30** Newsbeat **3.33** Going Home With Vick, Katie And Jamie On Radio 1 **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** New Music Show With Jack Saunders **8.00** Future Artists With Sian Eleri **10.00** Power Down Playlist With Sian Eleri **11.00** Rock Show With Daniel P Carter **1.00** BBC Introducing Rock On Radio 1 With Alyx Holcombe **2.00** At Reading And Leeds Festival **4.00-6.58am** Early Breakfast With Mylo And Rosie

RADIO 2 88-91FM bbc.co.uk/radio2

6.30am The Sara Cox Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00** Jeremy Vine **2.00** DJ Spoony **4.00** Drivetime **7.00** Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whiley **9.00** The Blues Show With Shaun Keaveny **10.00** The Good Groove With Melvin Odoom **12.00** OJ Borg **2.30-3am** One Hit Wonders With OJ Borg

MOVIES

Sky Cinema Premiere 5.50pm Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal in Hamnet

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

7.45am Charlie The Wonderdog (PG, 2025) ★★★ **9.20 Panda Plan 2: The Magical Tribe** (12, 2026) ★★★ **11.05 Hungry** (15, 2026) ★★★ **12.45 Signal One** (15, 2026) ★★★ **2.15 Goat** (PG, 2026) ★★★ **4.00 Tow** (15, 2025) ★★★ **5.50 Hamnet** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **8.00 Hungry** (15, 2026) ★★★ **9.40 Do Not Enter** (15, 2025) ★★★ **11.20 Tow** (15, 2025) ★★★ **1.10-3.15am Rise Of The Conqueror** (15, 2026) ★★★

SKY CINEMA SUPERHEROES

11.45am Transformers (12, 2007) ★★★★ **2.10 Green Lantern** (12, 2011) ★★★ **4.05 The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part** (U, 2019) ★★★★ **5.55 Spider-Man** (12, 2002) ★★★★★ **8.00 Kraven The Hunter** (15, 2024) ★★★ **10.10 Transformers** (12, 2007) ★★★★ **12.35-2.35am Green Lantern** (12, 2011) ★★★

SKY CINEMA ACTION

12noon 300: Rise Of An Empire (15, 2014) ★★★ **2.00 Jurassic Park III** (PG, 2001) ★★★ **3.40 Jurassic World** (12, 2015) ★★★★ **5.50 Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom** (12, 2018) ★★★ **8.00 Jurassic World: Rebirth** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **10.15 The Mummy: Tomb Of The Dragon Emperor** (12, 2008) ★★★ **12.10-2.15am The Long Kiss Goodnight** (15, 1996) ★★★★

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11am Canyon Passage (PG, 1946) ★★★★ **12.50 The Spoilers** (12, 1955) ★★ **2.30 Lifeboat** (PG, 1944) ★★★★ **4.25 Imitation Of Life** (12, 1959) ★★★★ **6.55 Behind Enemy Lines** (12, 2001) ★★★★ **9.00 Predator** (15, 1987) Sci-fi thriller. ★★★★ **11.10 Venom: Let There Be Carnage** (15, 2021) ★★★ **1.00-3.15am The Winter Guest** (15, 1997) ★★★★

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11.30am Linda (PG, 1960) ★★★ **12.45 Bring On Bing 1.00 Richard The Lionheart 1.30 Broken Journey** (PG, 1948) ★★ **3.15 Four Star Theatre 3.45 Biscuit Time 4.00 That's My Boy 4.35 A Town Like Alice** (PG, 1956) ★★★ **6.50 The Special Patrol 7.00 The Footage Detectives 8.00 Maigret And The Old Lady 10.05 La Fin Du Jour** (PG, 1939) ★★★ **12.15-1.55am The Best Of Benny Hill** (PG, 1974) ★★★

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1pm In Plain Sight 2.00 Castle 3.00 Diagnosis Murder 5.00 Murder, She Wrote 7.00 Castle 8.00 Unforgettable 9.00 In Plain Sight 10.00 True Justice (PG, 2023) ★★ **11.50pm-1.40am True Justice: Eye For An Eye** (PG, 2024) ★★

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11.20am A Lawless Street (U, 1955) ★★ **1.00 The Unit 2.00 Burn Notice 4.00 Treacherous** (2018) ★★★ **6.00 The Unit 7.00 Burn Notice 9.00 The Equalizer** (18, 2014) ★★★★ **11.50 The Avengers 12.50-1.50am The Baron**

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KEEP YOUR WARM GLOW IN AUTUMN

THE end of summer doesn't have to mean the end of a golden glow. BRIDIE PEASON-JONES tests out the gradual tans to help you look sunkissed all year round, with prices starting at £12.99 . . .

Bali Body everyday gradual tanning cream £23.95, Boots: Launching this week, this easy-to-use gradual tan also works as a daily moisturiser, building subtle colour while keeping skin hydrated.

Perfect for those who want to maintain their summer tan without the effort of caking fake tan on every week.

Skin & Tan Body Glow gradual tanner, £12.99, Boots: Lightweight with hidden skincare benefits, this formula glides over your skin and is super easy to apply.

Scented with coconut and vanilla, it develops into a great-smelling all-over tan in just six to eight hours.

Odylique Natural Glow body lotion, £26, Amazon: This has a 100 per cent natural formula and is great for anyone with sensitive skin.

It's designed for those who find self-tan irritating and want a more natural glow.

Bondi Sands gradual tanning milk, £15.99, Superdrug: Described as an "elevated everyday essential" and hero of Aussie beauty, this will give your skin deep nourishment and a buildable, sun-kissed finish.

Enriched with Vitamin E, aloe vera and cocoa butter, it has a very easy, fuss-free application.

SIENNA X gradual self-tan lotion, £13.56, Sally Beauty: A buildable tanning lotion which offers a soft, natural-looking glow that develops gradually over a few hours.

Ideal for first-time tanners or those who prefer a lighter finish, with a silky formula including aloe vera and cocoa butter to leave skin smooth.

Sunless Glow self-tanning drops, £24, Evolve Beauty: Create your perfect glow with completely customisable tanning drops from Evolve Beauty.

Blend into your moisturiser or serum to deliver a streak-free tan with hyaluronic acid to boost skin health.

WILDE BY NATURE . . . Olivia plays a dominatrix who leads a toyboy astray in I Want Your Sex

By GEORGETTE CULLEY

"NO, don't walk to me, crawl to me," demands Erika, Olivia Wilde's character in her X-rated new film I Want Your Sex.

The film follows Erika, a glamorous sexual vamp in her forties, who seduces her 23-year-old assistant, Elliot, played by Cooper Hoffman.

Bored with his Gen-Z girlfriend, who prefers studying to sex, he willingly becomes Erika's plaything.

Erika isn't interested in strings attached. She prefers whips – and takes him on a journey of sexual awakening, power play and BDSM.

As I watched the film, out now, I couldn't help but smile.

Because, like Erika, I've enjoyed age-gap relationships myself – and, yes, plenty of kinky sex along the way.

As a 39-year-old single mum of two with a penchant for younger men, I know exactly why so many women are swapping silver foxes for toyboys.

France's First Lady, Brigitte Macron, 73, is famously in an age-gap relationship with 48-year-old President Emmanuel Macron. And her youngest daughter Tiphaine Auziere, 42 has followed in her mum's footsteps by enjoying a romance with 22-year-old Antoine Lecomte.

Tiphaine, a lawyer and author, is Brigitte's daughter from her first marriage. Antoine is a business student in Lille who also works as a kitesurfing instructor.

It's not just about sex, although that certainly doesn't hurt.

Men my own age – or older – often come with baggage, responsibilities and a lifetime of complications. Younger men? They come with adventure, spontaneity and a sense of escapism.

When I don't have my kids at the weekend, the last thing I want to do is embark on a round of soft play with somebody else's children.

'Trying new things in the bedroom'

I know this because my last serious relationship was with a single dad of two. His diary was dictated by his ex, his children and an endless game of calendar Tetris.

Of course, his kids came first and rightly so. But when I didn't have my own kids, I didn't want to spend my free time looking after somebody else's.

As lovely as his kids were, I wanted adventure and escapism.

I wanted to remember that I was a woman – not just Mum. That's where younger men come in.

They have more time to actually spend with you. You can call them at the last minute and say: "Fancy coming here this weekend?"

And suddenly, you're packing the sexy lingerie while he turns up with a paddle and a bottle of champagne. Perfect.

For a few glorious nights, you can switch off your phone, forget the school run, ignore the laundry pile and temporarily abandon the pressures of grown-up life.

You're not Mum. You're not somebody's responsible partner. You're just you – and it's fun.

They're often up for trying new things, in and out of the bedroom.

The best part? No nagging ex-wife ringing every five minutes demanding to know their plans for next Tuesday.

The last time I saw Tom*, 29, he booked a hotel in the Cotswolds.

We turned off our phones – and turned each other on. Younger guys are eager to please; they take time making sure you, ahem, come first.

We spent the whole weekend experimenting with BDSM and laughed when a member of the hotel staff almost walked in on us in a rather compromising position.

Right now, I don't want someone moving in and taking on the stepdad role with my kids.

My children and I love our little bubble. We bake together, paint together, curl up on the sofa and watch films. It's cosy, chaotic and completely ours – and I wouldn't change it. What I love about dating younger men is that I don't have to merge those two worlds.

When I'm with my kids, I can be a mum. And when they're with their dad, I can switch off. I can put on sexy underwear, have wild sex and feel like a carefree woman in her twenties again.

As I hurtle towards 40, I have to admit I'm feeling rather smug about my sex life.

While some of my married friends complain that their libido has disappeared somewhere between the mortgage, the school run and the weekly supermarket shop, mine has never been higher.

The reason? Younger men. In fact, snagging a toyboy has become one of the biggest dating trends of 2026 among midlife women.

Research suggests women with partners at least seven years younger report higher sexual satisfaction – and even fewer menopausal symptoms – than those with partners their own age or older. And experts say women often reach their sexual peak in their 40s. I can believe it.

By this stage, we know our bodies inside out. We know what we like. We know what we absolutely do **NOT** like.

And 75 per cent of middle-aged women reported that sex was moderately or extremely important to them, according to a study published in the journal Menopause last year, proving sexual desire remains strong from our early 40s to late 50s.

Nobody seems particularly shocked

And we're no longer prepared to lie there politely pretending mediocre sex is good enough.

Hollywood has cottoned on, too. In recent years, we've seen a string of films exploring relationships between older women and younger men.

In Babygirl, Nicole Kidman's character becomes embroiled in a provocative relationship with her younger intern, and the

DON'T MIND THE GAP . . . The Sun's Georgette prefers to date younger men

Photography by OLIVIA WEST

'Toyboys are eager to please…they take time making sure you, ahem, come first'

NO BAGGAGE, NO NAGGING EX-WIVES...JUST KINKY SEX AND DIRTY WEEKENDS. WHY I'M ALL FOR TREND OF DATING YOUNGER MEN

YOUTH AND BEAUTY . . . Ellie Goulding, 39, and Beau Minniear, 28, at Marc Jacobs party in London in June. *Left*, Sienna Miller, 44, and Oli Green, 29, at Paris Fashion Week in 2024

film became a major hit. While Anne Hathaway's character, 40-year-old mum Solène, sparks up a romance with 24-year-old pop star Hayes (Nicholas Galitzine) in The Idea Of You.

But this isn't simply fantasy cooked up by Hollywood – it's becoming increasingly normal in real life, too.

Take Sienna Miller, 44, who had her second child in May with actor and model Oli Green – 15 years her junior. Not that you'd know that by looking at them.

Then there's pop star Ellie Goulding, 39, and actor Beau Minniear, 29, who welcomed their first daughter together, Iris Edaline, in March this year.

Nobody seems particularly shocked. And why should they be?

For decades, older men dating younger women has been so normalised that nobody bats an eyelid.

Yet give a woman a younger man and suddenly she's a "cougar" – a derogatory term that is becoming outdated.

Women aren't being written off at 35 any more. They're feeling – and looking – better than ever.

They're dating, having children, changing careers, travelling, partying – and, yes, having great sex – well into their 40s, 50s, 60s and beyond.

Just look at Elizabeth Hurley, 61, and Jennifer Lopez, 57. These women aren't fading quietly into the background. Yes, they're getting older, but they're seemingly having more fun while they're at it.

Even motherhood is changing.

'Younger men are not intimidated'

Conception rates for women aged 40 and over in England and Wales have increased by almost a third since 2010.

Having children in your late 30s or 40s is no longer a rarity, making relationships between women and younger men increasingly practical as well as sexy.

So perhaps we need to retire the word "toyboy". Because there's nothing particularly juvenile about a woman choosing a younger man. I met a handsome 24-year-old farmer the other day who refused to believe I was 39. I had to get my ID out to prove it. I expected him to look disappointed.

He grinned and said, excitedly: "I want to see you even more now."

He found me on Instagram afterwards and has been bombarding me with messages ever since, promising he'll drive to me, take me out for dinner and tells me I can do "whatever I want with him".

He may come to regret that!

I'm not sure if I'll take him up on his offer yet but it did make me think.

Maybe younger men aren't intimidated by older women.

Maybe they're intrigued by us. We know who we are, what we like and what we won't put up with.

So, as I approach 40, I'm not worried about ageing out of the dating game. I want – whisper it quietly – to have a bloody good time.

And if Erika from I Want Your Sex is anything to go by, she's certainly not going to apologise for it.

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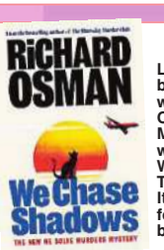
HOT or NOT

GOING UP

NOSTALGIA IN A TIN

ALDI is launching a range of ready-to-drink cocktail cans inspired by Noughties favourites, including Blue Raspberry and Cherryade vodka for £1.49. That is 56 per cent cheaper than the Au Vodka brand. They land in stores today.



AUTUMN READS

LOOKING for a good book for the gloomy weather? Richard Osman's We Solve Murders series returns with thrilling mystery We Chase Shadows on Thursday. High in the Italian hills, a body is found on the steps of a beautiful private villa . . .

BEARY NICE

SINCE opening in 2024, the Paddington Bear Experience in central London has become a huge hit, offering an immersive experience that brings the books and films to life. Unforgettable fun for all ages, it's the perfect activity this autumn.

DON'T RELY ON AI

FORMER couples are entering divorce negotiations armed with incorrect guidance from AI, according to Sally Powell at Tees Law. One example is the myth of the "50/50 split", whereas in law, division of assets comes down to "fairness".

HAIR MARE

IF your hairbrush suddenly looks fuller, you are not imagining it – your hair is getting thinner. In summer, more hairs may go into the resting stage, explains Anabel Kingsley at Philip Kingsley, and then shed three months later.

FAB TO DRAB

SOME of the most viral home aesthetics that defined the early 2020s are now being widely panned as impractical, overused or just plain boring. It's time to get rid of teddy boucle, black hardware, white interiors, minimalism and word-art wall signs.

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At war over his cross-dressing

Dear Deidre

LIVING with my husband's cross-dressing is a constant battleground and we have argued over it for years.

I am 43 and he is 45. We have been together for 20 years in total but he only admitted this habit to me after we had been married for 12 years.

I believed he was my best friend and soulmate, but the man I thought I knew has gone completely.

At first, he would dress up every single night in full make-up, heels, lingerie and dresses once the kids were in bed. I hated every second of it but I tried my best to accept it.

Things got worse when he wanted to bring it into our sex life, wanting to wear a corset and stockings while we made love. I completely flipped and told him he had gone too far.

Our kids, who are now teenagers, have been left confused and bewildered seeing their dad dress like this.

They come to me cringing with embarrassment and I've had to fight their battles as they are too afraid to talk to him about it.

Eventually he agreed to tone down what he wears. He only wears make-up and heels in the house and women's underwear under his jeans when he goes out in public.

He is a genuinely good man and a loving dad, but he just doesn't understand what my problem is.

I've tried to talk to him about it but he insists he isn't gay, doesn't want to transition into a woman, and says he isn't harming anyone.

He accuses me of being small-minded and says I should just accept him for who he is, but he refuses to understand the truth – that I want a normal man.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: This is not what you signed up for and your marriage looks nothing like the life you imagined.

It is understandable you feel overwhelmed and heartbroken when your hopes for your relationship and your children's happiness have been so disrupted.

However, your husband's cross-dressing stems from way back and it isn't something he can simply switch off.

Sitting down as a family to talk about it, giving everyone the opportunity to discuss how they feel, would be better than you constantly brokering communication between your husband and children.

If a compromise can't be reached, a separation might actually be better for you all and bring some relief.

Living with constant tension can be stressful and could damage your mental health, your husband's wellbeing and that of your children, too.

Consider family therapy. My support packs, How Counselling Can Help, and Cross-Dressing Worries, explains more.

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Is something troubling you? Our experienced counsellors are here to offer insight and practical help. Email or DM us (details below) or scan this QR code to send a WhatsApp.

WORRIED HE CAN'T COMMIT

Dear Deidre

WE were enjoying a drink on Sunday when my new boyfriend casually dropped the bombshell that he has already been married twice.

I'm a 29-year-old software engineer, and he is a 36-year-old secondary school teacher. We met a few weeks ago and hit it off immediately over our shared passions for photography and rock climbing.

We had just come to the end of a wonderful break in the Peak District but I was stunned when he confessed that each of his marriages lasted less than three years.

We're approaching our third date and, while I don't usually stick to the three-date rule, I was considering taking things to the next level with him.

Now I'm left second-guessing everything.

Am I wasting my time on a man who clearly can't sustain a long-term relationship?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Looking on the bright side, he was honest with you before things became serious.

Having two brief marriages could be unfortunate timing, a habit of rushing into commitments or unresolved issues from his past.

Rather than walking away, encourage him to open up about what caused those previous relationships to unravel.

If you can both reflect on his history and yours, and learn lessons from it, there is still every chance you could build a strong, lasting future together in this relationship.

I PROMISED PASSION BUT WAS A FLOP

Dear Deidre

BEFORE sleeping with my new girlfriend I sent her some wild, steamy texts promising how great the sex was going to be.

When the moment actually came, I flopped. I set the bar way too high and I couldn't live up to the hype.

I am 26 and she is 23. She has an incredible, model-like figure. I am absolutely head over heels for her.

We started dating soon after I ended a two-year relationship. There is no comparison between my ex and my new girl, yet I never had a single erection issue back then.

Performance anxiety has never happened to me before. I was desperate to thrill her and make a lasting impression, but now I've just ended up feeling mortified.

I'm really embarrassed – and scared I've ruined things with a girl I genuinely care about before we've even really got started.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Don't panic. It is likely that the pressure you feel is exactly because you see her as such an incredible catch.

You want to impress her, but performance anxiety crept in and ruined the moment. You need to put this down to first-time nerves rather than a lasting problem. Worrying will only start a cycle of fear and repeated failure.

You are fully capable of enjoying a fantastic, fulfilling sex life together. My support pack, Solving Erection Problems, offers self-help tips to help you overcome this.

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FROM vibrators to couples' toys, there are countless ways these items can add excitement and pleasure to your sex life. Yet many people feel embarrassed or unsure about using them, particularly when it comes to talking to a partner about trying something new.

There's no right or wrong way to experiment – it's about finding what feels good and comfortable for you. If you're curious but not sure where to start, my support pack, Sex Toys And Sense, can help.

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Dear Deidre

MY wife's relatives have made it glaringly obvious that, because I am British and she is from an ethnic minority family, I will never be accepted. I am at my wits' end with them all.

My wife is the absolute centre of my world but her family are always trying to break us up. They bully and undermine her, and try to break her spirit on a regular basis.

The last time it happened, I couldn't bear to see her in tears so I called her father to calmly talk about their behaviour and he just cut me off. I have not spoken to him since.

I am 35 and my wife is 34. We have been together for eight years. I would happily cut all ties with her family, but she has been conditioned to accept this toxic behaviour and feels powerless to stop it. They are flying over to the UK soon and will be staying with us. The thought of them being in our home infuriates me and I am dreading it.

I am genuinely worried that if a confrontation kicks off, I am going to end up hurt or, worse, lose my wife altogether.

They are very unpleasant people who are a law unto themselves and have zero respect for our home or relationship.

I feel trapped seeing my wife suffer, and worry that their visit might pull us apart for good.

BULLYING FAMILY MAY SPLIT US UP

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Don't forget that your wife chose you, showing how strong she was by defying her relatives to build a life together.

Years of deep-rooted conditioning would make it painful for her to break away from her family, but you are a team now and you need to set firm boundaries inside your own home.

Sit down before they arrive and agree to present a united front. Both of you must insist on her relatives showing mutual respect under your roof or they will have to leave.

Like all bullies, they rely on fear and are far more likely to back down if she stands firm. While you cannot change their behaviour, you can control your own reactions.

Simply step away if they provoke you and don't risk losing your temper.

get in touch

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OUR prisons are overcrowded, record numbers of offenders are being recalled and probation officers have voted to strike over the huge workload.

Why not conscript the younger, petty criminals into the Armed Forces?

Not only would it teach them discipline, it would give probation staff the chance to monitor more dangerous offenders.

KEN JACKSON
Willoughby, Lincs

THE King always seems the most relaxed when he is at Balmoral, and his love of Scotland and the Highland Games is plain to see.

How nice to see him watching and laughing at the weekend, just like the late Queen Elizabeth used to.

SYLVIA MONK
Hayling Island, Hants

GUY Ritchie's The Gentlemen is not for the faint-hearted but Theo James is brilliant as the aristocratic gangster.

NICK FLETCHER
Malton, North Yorks

IF London can bring in driverless taxis, it should be a doddle to have driverless trains and save a fortune on £70k-a-year salaries!

PETE BEAUMONT
Lowestoft, Suffolk

NETFLIX has raised its standard monthly fee to £13.99 – but to justify this it needs to show more blockbusters.

IAN OWEN
Wallington, Surrey

Dover protest is no surprise

£50 LETTER

THE "stop the boats" demonstration in Dover by masked protesters saddened me – but I am not really surprised.

The Government has been ignoring public opinion on the illegal immigration crisis since it came to power over two years ago.

History teaches us that governments cannot just run roughshod over the electorate without suffering consequences.

PM Andy Burnham and his administration should take note before it is too late for them.

SYLVIA MAKEPEACE
Coventry

UNREST . . . protesters

WHILE no one can condone protesters taking to the streets in balaclavas, Saturday's mass protest in Dover surely shouldn't come as a surprise to the Government.

People are fed up that successive administrations have failed to stop the small boats.

PM Andy Burnham needs to do more to tackle the issue, now.

CLIVE PINNELL
Congresbury, Bristol

THE Government was very quick to condemn the hundreds of masked protesters who brought Dover's roads to a standstill on Saturday, disrupting both lorries and tourists, yet they are not as critical of the behaviour of Just Stop Oil protesters.

This really does demonstrate how out of touch they are with the feelings of the people of this country.

MICHAEL TAYLOR
Sholing, Southampton

THE protest in Dover showed people are fed up with the Government.

Demonstrators in balaclavas may look like thugs, but many people share their views that nobody is addressing illegal immigration. Curb that and you will stop the protests.

NIGEL NEWTON
Upminster, Essex

I WAS not at all unhappy at the protest in Dover. Successive governments have failed to deliver what most Brits want – and that is taking control of illegal migration.

Hopefully, now, action will replace words.

KELVIN GLEN
Corringham, Essex

WITH threats from Russia, and now Argentina's designs on the Falkland Islands, this Government needs to get serious about investing in defence. Sadly, the welfare budget seems to take precedence.

Wake up, Mr Burnham, the alarm bells are ringing loud and clear.

RAY WALTER
St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex

SO, Andy Burnham wants wife Marie-France van Heel to be Queen of the South with a First Lady-style role in No10, and to hire a media advisor for her.

Looks like another hit on the taxpayer. We already have one Queen.

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Lincoln

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Word Square
ACROSS: 1 Acted
2 Shire 3 Siren
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2 Chile 3 Tires
4 Erect 5 Dents

NumberCrunch
Easy: 49
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Mini Jigsaw
COUGAR, OSPREY, JACKAL, WALRUS, FALCON, WEASEL

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Cell Blocks

Word Ladder
COOL, Coop, Hoop, Hook, Hock, Hack, PACK

Mind The Gap
Knowledge, Chaperone, Pulsating, Bullfinch, Available, Hyphenate, Monitored, LEAFLET

Quizword
ACROSS: 1 Alan Turing, 6 Chasseur, 12 Moore, 13 Yucatan, 14 Eight, 15 Neap tide, 16 Merseyside, 18 G-force, 20 Riot Act, 22 Shah, 25 Rue, 26 Lloyd, 27 Cheongsam, 29 Ego, 30 Merganser, 31 Corrs, 32 Mac, 34 Livy, 36 Antigua, 37 Hobnob, 40 King's Cross, 42 Take That, 45 NAAFI, 46 Oceania, 47 Giles, 49 Specimen, 50 Typography.
DOWN: 1 Arm, 2 Avocado pear, 3 Trent, 4 Riyadh, 5 Nice, 7 Hanks, 8 Sheryl, 9 English, 10 Rotherham, 11 Streptococcus, 15 Niger, 17 Kidderminster, 19 Callas, 21 Chevre, 23 Hoisin, 24 UNESCO, 28 Simona Halep, 30 Mila Kunis, 33 Cabot, 35 Vintage, 38 Assisi, 39 Navajo, 41 Rhone, 43 Elgar, 44 Andy, 48 Sly.

Futoshiki

Word Ladder
1 2 3 5 4

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1. FIRST AMONG EQUALS
2. PIECES OF EIGHT

Add Up
69, 37, 70

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Wordsearch

Pathfinder
HOLE, CADDY, TROLLEY, PUTT, TEE OFF, CLUB, SCORE, BIRDIE, EAGLE, PITCH, GRIP, ROUGH, ROUND, UMBRELLA, HANDICAP

Pub Quiz
1 FBI agent
2 Paul Simon
3 John Thaw
4 Sailing
5 Morocco
6 One billionth
7 E.M. Forster
8 John Stuart Mill
9 [a] A sentence with an unexpected ending
10 Northumberland
11 Rice
12 Sapphire

Two-Speed Crossword
ACROSS: 1 S-weep, 4 Jack-a-s-s, 8 Languor (Langer), 9 Nicer, 10 Cast-iron, 12 S-mug, 14 Ten-a-n-t, 15 W-i-z-ard, 18 Pale (pail), 19 Ame-t-hyst, 21 Alter, 22 Reserve, 24 Montage, 25 E-x-ams.
DOWN: 1 So-licit, 2 Eon, 3 Prurient, 4 J-argon, 5 Can-e, 6 Ac-company, 7 Sp-r-o-g, 11 Sing-leton, 13 Dis-taste, 16 Dithers, 17 Em-er-ge, 18 P-s-alm, 20 Orca, 23 Rya.

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ARIES March 21 – April 20

There is no substitute for personal effort. If you want something doing well, the best person for the job is usually you. Don't stress if things are not happening as fast as you would like. Having to take the scenic route could turn out to be your lucky break, especially when it comes to romance.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

Today looks great for getting straight into your to-do list and refusing to be distracted. This gets the week off to a productive start, especially when you get rid of tedious jobs that have been hanging over you. A creative approach works wonders with childcare or romance so get your thinking cap on for fun ideas.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

Money is your biggest motivation as the new working week gets underway. A well paid job wins your loyalty but anything in the underpaid department needs a rethink. Listen to someone who is self-employed as they are full of useful information. Tell your other half your biggest dreams or say yes to that date.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

The moon in your sign brings all kinds of things to life but don't confuse being busy with getting somewhere. Be crystal clear about your goals. It is also a great day for doing anything that only you can do. Expect some revelations in your love life, ones that show you how to keep your relationship healthy.

LEO July 23 – August 23

Take the option of working from home if you can or deliberately avoid too much stress in your workplace. Put self-care higher up your list and you will be of more value to others as well as yourself. The moon glimmering in your sign this evening proves the point, and you will be attracting compliments too.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

Start the week by being your own strongest supporter and refuse to criticise yourself. This is a really great new habit to get into. Watch the difference, in the way you feel and in the results you create. Teamwork is the big key to a successful manic Monday, either at work or in your own close circle of friends.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Thinking of all the different options is your strength but don't take all day doing it. Success lies in finding the best possible solution rather than the perfect one. You need the right people around you and any refresh with your social life gets a big tick. Single? That's the starting gun for getting back into the love arena.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

Work and family demands are time consuming but remember to carve out some time for yourself. Keep that Scorpio power bank topped up. Buy a little gift for someone who's disillusioned. The real gift is reminding them that there is genuine good in the world. Making memories with a partner is sweet.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

Planet Jupiter reminds you that there is no setback that you are not free to leave behind. Neither do you have to overexplain. Now you can renew your game plan, even one that not so long ago seemed over ambitious. Don't forget to show your interest in your partner's life as your insights really help.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

Somehow you're carrying more than your fair share of responsibility. Not everything will fall apart if you're not working your fingers to the bone – share the load. Your love life gets more secure when you show that you care. The dating scene brings plenty of hotspots. Trust the coincidence that makes you smile.

AQUARIUS January 21 –February 18

You don't need a reason to have a good day. Approach a challenge or a pleasure with optimism and the day will get easier as it goes on, not harder. Remember that where your energy flows, your life goes. Your good vibes rub off on others and a wish is granted simply because somebody warms to you.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

Remember that you never stop learning. Work becomes more interesting when you stretch yourself, maybe by teaming up with someone who has great skills and plenty of ideas. Single? An attraction is going the right way or someone new coming into your life is, quite simply, good for you.

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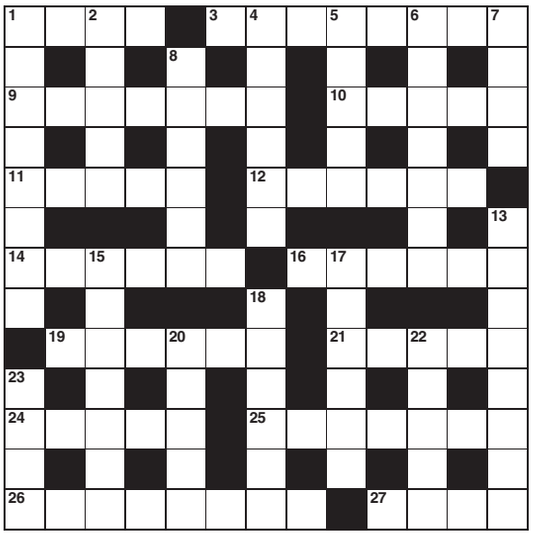
Cryptic

ACROSS

1 Make fun of protective garment with front missing (4)
3 Reverse policy loudly, with impudence, and fail (4-4)
9 Most of barbecue cooked for youngster, grizzly individual? (4,3)
10 Trump's in fluted collars (5)
11 Dive with shaved head, and make sudden thrust (5)
12 Tunis, a strange city (6)
14 Join son, getting more mature (6)
16 Wader mostly resentful (6)
19 Speed of my school nurses (6)
21 Start to deplete precipitation in water pipe? (5)
24 Connections in large tattoos (5)
25 Envelop in terrible weather (7)
26 Couple with three feet in naval establishment (8)
27 Some extra yogurt for drinks carrier (4)

DOWN

1 Phone ringing is cause to take action (8)
2 Row of broken China (5)
4 Article supporting Liberal with yen for Colonel Gadaffi? (6)
5 Pairs off in city (5)
6 Red felt damaged; one's upset, ultimately (7)
7 Exercise on street is a nuisance (4)
8 Plan chemistry in south-east (6)
13 Old warden close to lovely fruit plantation (8)
15 The French Conservative in charge is terse (7)
17 Certainly popular action (6)
18 Exhibitionist in light rain (6)
20 Try us out, lacking recent practice (5)
22 Sacrificial table in Malta rejected (5)
23 FBI agent claiming lecturer ran away (4)



Coffee Time

ACROSS

1 Practice exam (4)
3 Item known as thong in Australia (4-4)
9 Ursine baby (4,3)
10 Bands of feathers on birds' necks (5)
11 Fencing movement (5)
12 Capital of Texas (6)
14 Alloy for joining two metals (6)
16 Type of beer (6)
19 Burn (6)
21 Channel for removing water (5)
24 Golf course on the coast (5)
25 Festoon (7)
26 Place for building and repairing ships (8)
27 Salver, perhaps (4)

DOWN

1 Call into active service (8)
2 22 yards (5)
4 Someone from Tripoli, perhaps (6)
5 Trojan prince (5)
6 Socialist, perhaps (7)
7 Organism that damages crops (4)
8 Make plan (6)
13 Building for growing citrus fruit (8)
15 Using few words (7)
17 Actually (6)
18 Device in a bathroom for washing
20 With signs of corrosion (5)
22 Elevated place for religious rites (5)
23 Bolted (4)

Solutions tomorrow
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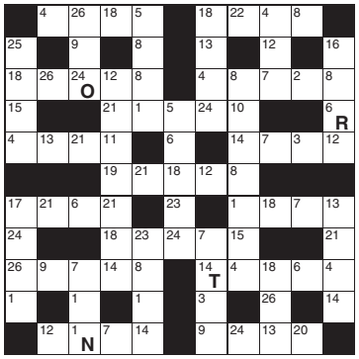

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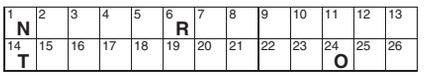

The world's best brain-teaser – our clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 4 is the letter A, write A in all the squares with a 4. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION. ACROSS: Denim, Buddy, Mindset, Mow, Gas, Convex, Quirky, Tar, Ire, Sheltie, Tweet, Dopey. **DOWN:** Damage, Nun, Music, Baton, Dampest, Yawn, Squeeze, Oak, Freely, Reset, Yield, Jilt, Tip.

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TEASER

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		3	6		7	8		
	5	8		9		1	6	
6	1						3	2
1			2		8			5
	3						4	
5			1		4			6
2	9						1	8
	8	1		4		5	2	
		5	8		1	4		

TOUGHIE

Call 0905 757 0152 for clues or solutions
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				4			5	3
		5	7			4		
	4				5		9	7
	6						8	
9					4	2	7	
		1		5	9			
	8			6				5
5		6	4	9				
2		7				9		4

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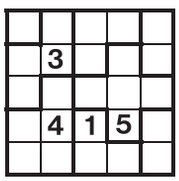

Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally. Solution below right.

THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a musician:

10 & 12	Host of Room 101 who did an "Unplanned" ITV show with David Baddiel
11 & 5	Author of Pillow Talk, Home Truths and Chances
6 & 1	Singer of Oh! Carol and Breaking Up Is Hard To Do
2 & 7	Ms Moore, who won the Best Actress Oscar for Still Alice (second and fifth letters of name)
8 & 3	In winning the 2016 Open, he became the first male Swedish golf major winner
4	In Greek mythology, he was the mortal lover of Aphrodite and Persephone
9	Mr Dillinger, bank robber played in film by Johnny Depp (second letter of name)

Yesterday: Footballer KURT ZOUMA (Marc (Guehi), Ken, Elizabeth (Bennet), Sigourney (Weaver), Mutya (Buena)). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.

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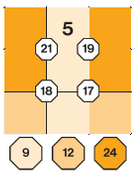
BRAIN BUSTER

Fill in the blanks below with four five-letter words that are anagrams of each other.

Unable to _____ the menu, Derek orders the plate of _____, grabs a _____ and _____ the consequences of dining medievally.

SAKURO



Enter 1-9 in the spaces so that the number in each octagon is equal to the sum of its four surrounding squares. Each coloured area should add up to the colour totals below.

WORDSEARCH

P	E	N	C	I	L	E
C	S	G	P	A	K	X
E	E	S	U	R	R	N
S	M	T	A	A	E	K
L	U	I	R	R	N	I
T	S	E	N	T	G	L
I	X	A	M	I	A	T

Find seven types of skirts. Words can run forwards, backwards or diagonally. Solution on right.

SUNDIAL

Brilliant: 31.
Excellent: 26. Good: 19.
Great score for kids: 15.

SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY: Ague, allergy, alley, allure, ally, argue, arguer, argyle, auger, earl, early, eyra, gale, gall, gallery, galley, gare, gaur, gear, glare, guar, lager, large, largely, larger, laurel, layer, leary, legal, rage, ragu, rally, rare, rarely, real, really, rear, regal, regally, regular, relay, rural, ullage, urea, ureal, year, REGULARLY.

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Yesterday's solutions

Teaser

7	5	2	1	3	8	9	6	4
1	3	9	6	2	4	8	7	5
4	8	6	5	9	7	1	2	3
5	9	3	4	8	6	2	1	7
8	6	7	3	1	2	5	4	9
2	4	1	9	7	5	6	3	8
3	2	8	7	5	1	4	9	6
6	7	5	2	4	9	3	8	1
9	1	4	8	6	3	7	5	2

Toughie

3	5	6	4	2	7	9	8	1
2	1	8	3	9	6	5	4	7
9	4	7	8	5	1	6	3	2
8	3	2	5	7	4	1	9	6
6	7	1	2	3	9	8	5	4
4	9	5	6	1	8	2	7	3
1	8	9	7	4	2	3	6	5
5	2	4	9	6	3	7	1	8
7	6	3	1	8	5	4	2	9

Two-Speed Crossword

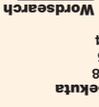
ACROSS: 1 S-weep, 4 Jack-a-s-s, 8 Languor (Langer), 9 Nicer, 10 Cast-iron, 12 S-mug, 14 Ten-a-n-t, 15 W-i-z-ard, 18 Pale (pail), 19 Ame-t-hyst, 21 Alter, 22 Reserve, 24 Montage, 25 E-x-ams.

DOWN: 1 So-licit, 2 Eon, 3 Prurient, 4 J-argon, 5 Can-e, 6 Ac-company, 7 Sp-r-o-g, 11 Sing-leton, 13 Dis-taste, 16 Dithers, 17 Em-er-ge, 18 P-s-alm, 20 Orca, 23 Rya.

Today's solutions

Sakuro

Sugaru



Wordsearch

Number-crunch
23, 57, 2558

Page 2 Sekuta
Top line 138
middle 625
bottom 974

Brainbuster
Parse, pears, spear, reaps

30-SECOND NUMBERCRUNCH

Starting at the left with the number provided, work your way across the three lines one at a time, applying all the mathematical instructions to your running total. Don't use a calculator – that would be cheating! Write your answer at the end. Aim to complete each round in about 30 seconds. Good luck! Answers on the right.

EASY 78	+237	÷5	-27	÷4	×7	+153	Half of it	-39	÷3	ANSWER
MEDIUM 82	+220	Half of it	-97	2/3 of it	+499	÷5	+357	Quarter of it	-59	ANSWER
HARDER 921	+725	50% of it	+2866	2/7 of it	-869	÷5	+242	÷9	+2527	ANSWER

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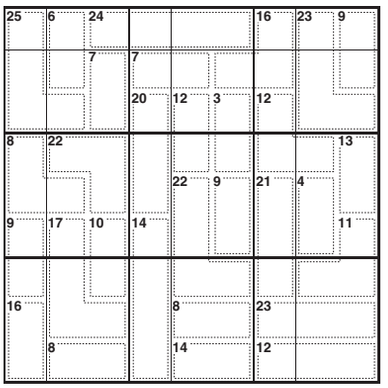
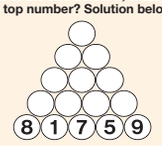
KILLER SUDOKU



The normal rules of sudoku apply. In addition, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dashes) must add up to the number in the top corner of that shape. No digit can be repeated within an inner shape. Solution below right.

ADD UP

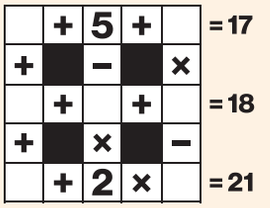
If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, what is the top number? Solution below.



EASY

2		3
7	8 9	2
5	6 7	4
		8 7
7 5	4 6	
1 6	2	5
6 9	1	5
1	5	9 8
	6	2

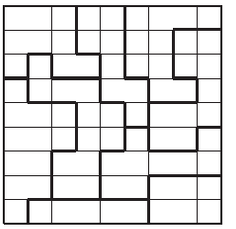
SET SQUARE



Place digits 1-9 to make the sums work. Each digit can be used only once. Solution below left.

STARS

Put two stars in each row, column and region. Star cells can't touch, even diagonally. Solution below left.

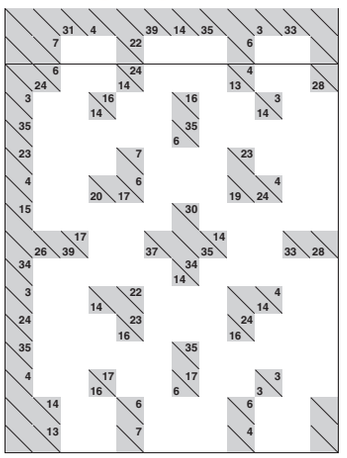


X FACTOR

Normal sudoku rules... but the two main diagonals must also contain the numbers 1-9. Solution below left.

1				7	3			
		2			4	9		
	1	5		6		8	3	
	2					7		
	8	6		7		2	9	
		7			9	3		
			8	4				
6								

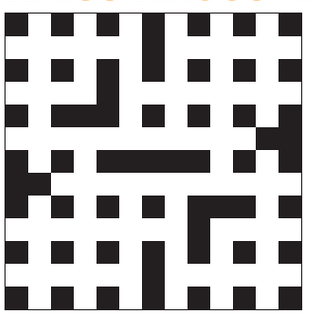
KAKURO



Fill the grid so that each block adds up to the total in the box above or to the left of it. You can only use the digits 1-9 and you must not use the same digit twice in a block. The same digit may occur more than once in a row or column. Solution on right.

KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid. Solution on right.



4 letters
Lacy
Lump
Mode
Wile

5 letters
Genie
Lurex

6 letters
Adjoin
Avenue
Behold
Hurdle
Limpid

Nettle
Patent
Tinsel

7 letters
Decimal
Psychic

8 letters
Flautist
Overstep
Teaspoon
Testator

11 letters
Malfunction
Raunchiness

MISSING LINK

Fit ten words into the grid so each connects with the words on either side, eg wishing – well – done. The letters in the shaded squares spell out a public show of items. Solution on right.

GUY		LADDER
EMERGENCY		POLL
WHAT		INTENT
GROWTH		MAIN
POWER		RATE
NEW		BAND
PERSONAL		MAN
TURN		END
CLIMB		TOOLS
ELECTRIC		CHIPS

Solutions for this page

Missing Link
Rope, Exit, With, Ring, Base, Girl, Best, Tail, Down, Oven
EXHIBITION

Add Up
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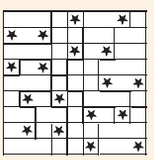
Stars



Kakuro

Kriss Kross

Killer Sudoku

6	1	7	5	8	4	3	9	2
9	3	5	2	6	8	1	7	4
7	2	1	4	3	5	8	6	9
4	6	8	1	9	7	5	2	3
5	8	2	7	4	3	9	1	6
1	4	9	8	2	6	7	3	5
3	7	6	9	5	1	2	4	8
8	9	4	3	7	2	6	5	1
2	5	3	6	1	9	4	8	7

X Factor

1	7	3	2	9	6	4	8	5
5	4	9	7	3	8	6	1	2
8	6	2	1	5	4	9	7	3
7	1	5	9	6	2	8	3	4
9	2	4	3	8	1	7	5	6
3	8	6	4	7	5	2	9	1
4	5	7	6	1	9	3	2	8
2	3	1	8	4	7	5	6	9
6	9	8	5	2	3	1	4	7

Set Square

9	+	5	+	3	=	17		
+		−		×				
6	+	4	+	8	=	18		
+		×		−				
1	+	2	×	7	=	21		
=		=		=				
16		2		17				

Easy

2	8	9	4	1	5	3	7	6
4	6	7	3	8	9	2	1	5
1	5	3	2	7	6	8	4	9
9	2	4	1	5	3	6	8	7
8	7	5	9	4	6	1	3	2
3	1	6	7	2	8	5	9	4
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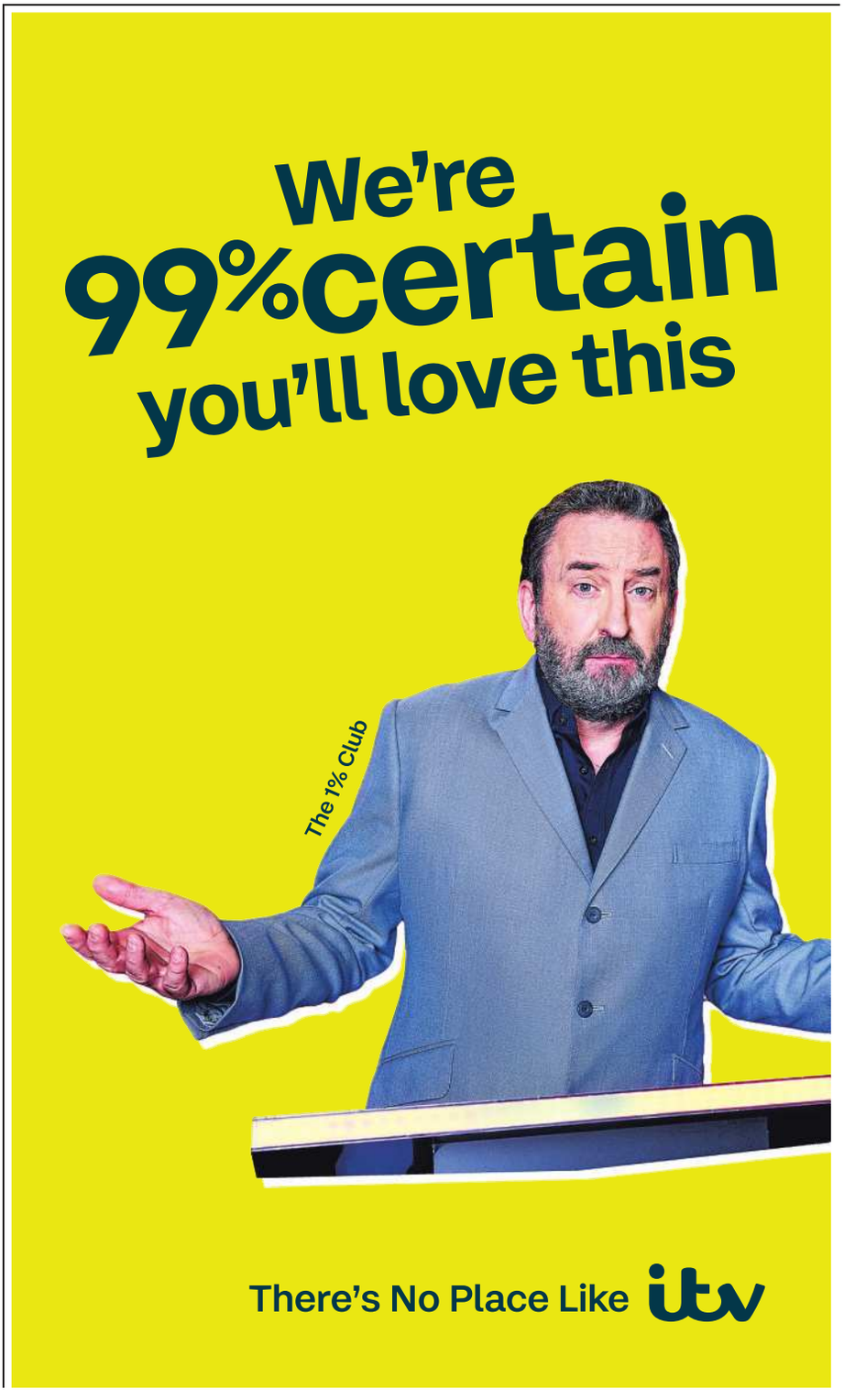

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SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

CRICKET

WOMEN'S THIRD ODI

England v Ireland

New Road: England 291 (48.5 overs; S I R Dunkley 119; C Murray 4-56). Ireland 177 (44.2 overs). **England beat Ireland by 114 runs.** England win series 3-0.

CYCLING

LA VUELTA: Stage 15 (Palma del Rio to Cordoba, 110.2km) - 1 W van Aert (Bel) Visma-Lease a Bike 2h 35m 0s, 2 A Romele (Ita) XDS Astana Team, 3 T Nys (Bel) Lidl-Trek both at same time. **Overall -** 1 E Mas (Spa) Movistar Team 52h 05m 56s, 2 F Gall (Aut) Decathlon CMA CGM Team +2m 06s, 3 P Roglic (Slo) Red Bull-BORA-Hansgrohe +2:10, 4 R Carapaz (Ecu) EF Education-EasyPost +4:24, 5 O Onley (GB) Netcompany INEOS Cycling Team +5:44, 17 F Pickering (GB) Team Jayco-AlUla +39:19. **Tomorrow, Stage 16** (Cortegana to La Rábida. Palos de la Frontera, 181.1km).

LLOYDS TOUR OF BRITAIN: Stage 5 (Earlston, 156km) - 1 N Politt (Ger) UAE Team Emirates-XRG 3h 33m 28s, 2 F Vermeersch (Bel) UAE Team Emirates-XRG +12s, 3 F Ganna (Ita) Netcompany INEOS Cycling Team +18. **Final overall -** 1 T Wellens (Bel) UAE Team Emirates-XRG 19h 35m 32s, 2 L Askey (GB) NSN Cycling Team +42s, 3 J Stuyven (Bel) Soudal Quick-Step +1m 3s, 6 E Rowe (GB) Great Britain +1:15, 9 M Donovan (GB) Pinarello-Q36.5 Pro Cycling Team +3:04, 10 B Wiggins (GB) Great Britain +5:17.

GP INDUSTRIA & ARTIGIANATO (Larciano, 196.5 km) - 1 T Pidcock (GB) Pinarello-Q36.5 Pro Cycling Team 4h 33m 8s, 2 C Scaroni (Ita) XDS Astana Team +12s.

DARTS

CZECH OPEN (Prague): **Qtr-finals -** G Price (Wal) bt R Smith (Eng) 6-4, L Humphries (Eng) bt W O'Connor (Irl) 6-3, M van Gerwen (Hol) bt J Clayton (Wal) 6-3, L Littler (Eng) bt D Noppert (Hol) 6-0. **Semi-finals -** L Humphries (Eng) bt G Price (Wal) 7-4, L Littler (Eng) bt M van Gerwen (Hol) 7-3. **Final -** L Littler (Eng) bt L Humphries (Eng) 8-6.

GOLF

OMEGA EUROPEAN MASTERS (Crans Montana, Switzerland): **Final Rnd** (Gbr & Irl unless stated) - **262** T Lawrence (Rsa) 64 63 73 62 (won after fourth extra play-off hole), P Casey 67 64 63 68, **263** H Hall 65 68 67 63, **264** E Lopez-Chacarra (Spa) 65 67 65 67, B Wiesberger (Aut) 69 68 63 64, A Hidalgo (Spa) 70 63 67 64, A Ayora (Spa) 64 68 66 66, F Laporta (Ita) 67 67 65 65, **265** M Wallace 68 66 66 65, J Girrbach (Swi) 70 63 67 65.

MOTORCYCLING

WORLD SUPERBIKE CH'SHIP GRAND PRIX OF FRANCE (Magny-Cours): **Race 2 -** 1 N Bulega (Ita) Ducati 31m 31.396s, 2 I Lecuona (Spa) Ducati at 5.458s, 3 Y Montella (Ita) Ducati at 1 Sector. **Standings -** 1 Bulega 553pts, 2 Lecuona 407, 3 Montella 247, 4 A Lowes (GB) 201, 5 S Lowes (GB) 198.3.

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Leeds	26	20	0	6	892	408	40
Warrington	26	19	0	7	700	451	38
Wakefield	26	18	0	8	690	478	36
Leigh	26	17	0	9	636	478	34
Hull K R	26	16	0	10	736	467	32
St Helens	26	14	0	12	600	602	28
Toulouse	26	10	0	16	564	678	20
Catalans	26	10	0	16	525	752	20
York	26	8	0	18	510	775	16
Castleford	26	8	0	18	448	818	16
Hull	26	7	0	19	470	585	14
Huddsfield	26	7	0	19	461	749	14
Bradford	26	7	0	19	452	817	14

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WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE - Huddersfield 68 Leigh Leopards 0, York Valkyrie 10 St Helens 14.

SNOOKER

BRITISH OPEN (Cheltenham): **Semi-final -** J Jones (Wal) bt J Trump (Eng) 6-3.

SQUASH

LONDON CLASSIC (Alexandra Palace): **Finals, Men -** P Coll (Nzl) bt (2) Victor Crouin (Fra) 3-0. **Women -** Amina Orfi (Egy) bt (5) Georgina Kennedy (Eng) 3-0.

TENNIS

US OPEN (Flushing Meadows, New York)

Men's Singles 3rd rnd - (1) A Zverev (Ger) bt (25) A Tabilo (Chi) 6-2 7-6 (7-2) 6-2; A Gea (Fra) bt M Zheng (USA) 7-6 (9-7) 3-6 4-6 6-3 6-2; B Van de Zandschulp (Hol) bt (31) Z Bergs (Bel) 3-6 7-6 (7-3) 4-6 7-6 (8-6) 6-3; (14) L Tien (USA) bt (17) J Men'sik (Cze) 6-3 1-6 6-7 (2-7) 6-3 6-4. **4th rnd -** (2) C Alcaraz (Spa) bt (20) T Paul (USA) 6-4 6-3 6-4.

Men's Doubles 2nd rnd - (1) H Heliovaara (Fin) & H Patten (GB) bt M Arnaldi (Ita) & J Struff (Ger) 7-5 6-2; (9) J Cash (GB) & L Glasspool (GB) bt A Pavlasek (Cze) & P Rikl (Cze) 7-6 (7-2) 6-4.

Women's Singles 3rd rnd - (14) I Jovic (USA) bt (17) A Eala (Phi) 7-5 3-6 7-5; 13) N Osaka (Jpn) bt (23) E Mertens (Bel) 6-3 3-6 7-5; (2) E Rybakina (Kaz) bt Y Starodubtseva (Ukr) 7-6 (8-6) 6-3. **4th rnd -** (1) A Sabalenka (Blr) bt T Townsend (USA) 6-4 6-3; (6) L Noskova (Cze) bt (11) M Kostyuk (Ukr) 7-5 5-7 6-4.

Women's Doubles 2nd rnd - (6) C Bucsa (Spa) & N Melichar-Martinez (USA) bt H Dart (GB) & M Lumsden (GB) 6-2 6-2.

TODAY'S SPORT

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

Bromley v AFC Wimbledon..... 8.0
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SNOOKER

English Open (The Brentwood Centre).

SPEEDWAY

Premiership (7.30pm): Ipswich v Sheffield Leicester v Belle Vue.

TENNIS US Open (Flushing Meadows).

US OPEN BURNOUT FEAR

Body blow

ARYNA SLAMS TENNIS CHIEFS OVER SCHEDULE

IN THE SWING . . . Sabalenka hits a return on her way to victory over US Open home favourite Townsend

From ROB MAULL in New York

ARYNA SABALENKA wants drastic changes to the tennis schedule to "protect" players' bodies.

Seven-time Grand Slam winner Carlos Alcaraz said last week he would consider taking "long breaks" from the brutal men's ATP circuit to avoid picking up another serious injury.

More players than ever are getting injured and 13 top male stars are missing the US Open with physical problems.

World No1 Sabalenka voiced concerns in a plea to the WTA Tour, and said: "I'd love to see changes in the scheduling. To cut off mandatory events and let players decide what's better for their health as it's been super intense.

"Especially if you play at a level like Carlos is playing, basically very consistent, it's very tricky for the body.

"I feel if they're not going to cut it, we'll have to sacrifice points, rankings, whatever, to protect our bodies.

"I think it'd be really helpful from the WTA and ATP to ease up a little bit on the schedule, for us to really support our health.

"People probably don't understand how hard it is mentally and physically.

"The schedule is pretty rough and there is not much time to enjoy the wins. That's our life, our schedule."

The Belarusian, 28, is '99 Not Out' in terms of weeks at the top of women's tennis.

The four-time Slam champ could win the US title for a third year in a row here – Serena Williams was the last person to do that in 2014.

If Elena Rybakina reaches the semis, then Kazakhstan's first Wimbledon champion will be officially installed as the top player on the planet.

A 6-4 6-3 last-16 win for Sabalenka over American Taylor Townsend saw 11 breaks of service.

Sabalenka knew her rival would get the crowd's support but enjoyed some acclaim from usually hard-to-please New Yorkers as she claimed an 18th win in a row at Flushing Meadows.

But her on-court chat with Laura Robson, the former British No1, turned into a farce at the end when she could not hear the questions being asked.

Two-time Australian Open champ Sabalenka is yet to drop a set in four matches.

But that flawless record will be challenged by her next opponent – Poland's Wimbledon champ Linda Noskova, who beat Ukrainian Marta Kostyuk 7-5 5-7 6-4.

But in terms of the various permutations that come into play about the world No1 spot, she says she is not paying attention to them.

Sabalenka added: "It is out of my control. Why would I think about that?"

Clinical **CARLOS ALCARAZ** continued his title defence with a 6-4 6-3 6-4 crushing of US ace Tommy Paul to book a quarter-final spot.

The Spaniard, 23, changed his attire for this match, wearing a blue sleeveless vest and a black under-top, which hid his nipples that had been on show in the opening two rounds.

It was a fashion change made in front of fashion titan Anna Wintour, Vogue's global editorial director.

And he is looking pretty in his pursuit of an eighth Slam title.

ALCARAZ . . . masterclass

INFLUENCERS' WIMBO KO

WIMBLEDON will not allow mass entry to social media influencers like the US Open.

From ROB MAULL

And ring lights – which have caused havoc during live play at Flushing Meadows – could be banned.

Content creators disrupted some high-profile matches this past week in New York by not following tennis etiquette.

In Naomi Osaka's first two matches, the umpire was forced to tell online stars to behave because they were making noise during points – and one group even used a dazzling ring light for better camera exposure.

Wimbledon are strict on who they accredit for on-site media access and do not have a separate influencer category.

Conditions of entry prohibit any items that, in the reasonable opinion of the All England Club, may be used to disrupt any matches. This would cover the use of bright ring lights.

The Club's social media policy is annually reviewed following every Championships – and Wimbledon staff have been at the US Open to witness the chaos.

Anyone will be kicked out of the world's premier grass-court tournament if they break rules or misbehave.

All crowd behaviour on a court is overseen by the chair umpire.

DAZZLING . . . ring light

Sport

LUKE LITTLER made a triumphant return to the Euro Tour at the Czech Darts Open.

The Nuke had not played a Tour event since March but beat rival Luke Humphries 8-6 in the Prague final.

SHORT

Thrills as Hill hauls in USA

By ROSS GREGORY

JOSH HILL sank the final putt as Great Britain and Ireland conjured a thrilling comeback to lift the Walker Cup.

Team USA were in pole position to retain the premier amateur trophy, taking the Sunday morning foursomes 4-0 for a 9.5-6.5 lead heading into the singles session.

GB&I fought back in Lahinch, County Clare and won four matches — including that of Luke Poulter, 22, son of former Ryder Cup star Ian.

But the Americans steadied the ship and it looked like they had thwarted the challenge.

Team GB&I responded again. Eliot Baker overcame Stewart Hagestad to ensure the tournament would go the final hole.

Hill, 22, and Tyler Watts were all square coming down the last — and Hill produced a stunning up-and-down from the bunker to complete an amazing 13.5-12.5 victory.

Sport

SOPHIA DUNKLEY hit a run-a-ball 119 as England beat Ireland by 114 runs at Worcester to wrap up a 3-0 ODI series clean sweep.

She said: "It's a big summer with the Ashes next year."

SHORT

Jak not past Sel by date

By ROB MAUL

JAK JONES celebrated a second ranking title of his career — as he beat Mark Selby in the Unibet British Open final.

The Welsh potter was a 10-6 winner against the four-time world champion in Cheltenham.

Jones, 33, started this season by winning the Championship League — but this £100,000 top prize was the best moment of his career.

The Silent Assassin made the 2024 Crucible final before losing to Kyren Wilson.

Hopefully snooker bosses are lenient as he is due to face Chang Bingyu today in round one of the English Open in Brentwood, Essex.

Jones said: "It's been difficult for the last few years battling away — especially for my wife, parents and son."

For England's Selby, 43, this was a second final this season as he uses a new cue.

No1 FOR BOXING

STEADY EDDIE . . . Hearn dances with Taylor after historic night at Croke Park

LONDON CALLING

Ed: Ant set on Wembley

EDDIE HEARN says Katie Taylor's dream Croke Park farewell fight only reinforces why Anthony Joshua vs Tyson Fury MUST be in the UK.

From JACK FIGG in Dublin

Taylor *(below)*, 40, became the first boxer to headline Ireland's 82,000-seat national stadium since Muhammad Ali in 1972 as she ended her career by beating Flora Pili to become a **THREE-TIME** undisputed world champ on Saturday.

It came after Hearn's public pleas to convince organisers not to host AJ vs Fury in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Joshua's promoter told SunSport in Dublin: "The timing couldn't be better.

"I want to thank the people of Ireland, but I want to thank the people of Britain for getting behind Anthony Joshua and us in trying to bring this fight to Britain.

"Because it means a lot to us, just like it meant a lot to the people there tonight. You can create moments like that, that people never forget.

"MSG is a great venue, 20,000 is great, but to do it with 100,000 people in Britain where it should be. We're going to create a night people will never forget."

Joshua, 36, and Fury, 38, have signed to fight but AJ's deal states it must take place in the UK.

Broadcaster Netflix and Saudi boxing financier Turki Alalshikh want it Stateside to capitalise on greater US viewing figures.

Hearn has been negotiating a revised contract to allow for a fight in America but has stood firm on his desire to keep it in the UK. And with support from British fans, Saudi-backed organisers Sela have given Hearn the green light to reopen talks with Wembley.

But it would come at the cost of the bout starting around 2am to also accommodate US viewers.

Hearn said: "Thank you to all who've supported it because you've got the attention of Sela.

"Those talks now are really heating up and moving quickly about a possible Wembley fight."

Hearn is set for talks with Mayor of London Sadiq Khan as he bids to keep the Battle of Britain on home soil.

He added: "It's AJ's insistence that the fight takes place in Britain – otherwise everyone would have just given up.

"I think what AJ's done is he's seen the support and how important it is to people – and it's making him feel good.

"We'll catch up with Sadiq Khan in the week and try to push it. We'll have to drive it, as they're not. They still want it in America."

Despite Hearn's planned talks with Khan, Fury spoke out on social media and threatened to line up a trilogy bout with Oleksandr Usyk if AJ pulls out.

Fury said: "AJ has s*** his pants yet again. This only leads me to a fight with Oleksandr Usyk – let's run it back in November.

"The ball is now in your court Oleksandr. Let me know, because I'm looking for a new opponent."

RISING STAR . . . Hunt

Hunt can be a real firecracker

AMY HUNT is aiming to let off "fireworks" at the new World Athletics Ultimate Championship.

By ROB MAUL

Winning a record four European titles in Birmingham last month was one of the best athletics performances of the year.

But this week will be a major step up in class as Hunt, 24, faces the world's best over both the 100 metres and 200m.

The inaugural Ultimate Championship takes place in Budapest and each of the two events has a top prize of £110,000 – with cash for every athlete.

Newark star Hunt, buoyed by her performances over the weekend at the Brussels Diamond League Final, said: "I'm starting to show that I am consistently good at making the top three.

"In a field of some very dangerous girls who have beaten me in the past, I'm really proud of how I handled myself in the head-to-head scenario.

"I'm someone who is maybe not the best time-trialer. I won't always have the personal bests or season's best going into a race.

"But I'm always able to beat some people who you might not expect.

"At this stage, it's all about beating who you've got to beat and hopefully I'm saving the fireworks."

● SCOT Eilish McColgan claimed her fourth victory at the Big Half in London after five months out with a broken toe suffered in April's main London Marathon.

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FORMULA ONE ITALIAN GRAND PRIX

HAMILTON . . . deflated

Lew: Let's Ferget all about my title shot

By ISABELLE BARKER

LEWIS HAMILTON threw in the towel after Kimi Antonelli's incredible win.

Seven-time world champ Hamilton — who had a pop at his Ferrari team — believes he has too much ground to make up on the Italian hero.

Title leader Antonelli's triumph from 19th on the grid puts the 20-year-old 66 points clear of George Russell, who was second, with Hamilton 76 points adrift after finishing sixth.

Legend Hamilton, 41, had high hopes at Ferrari's home Monza race.

But the Brit had a tangle with his team-mate Charles Leclerc on the first lap — and he lost 17 points on Antonelli.

On Ferrari opting not to prioritise him over Leclerc at the start, Hamilton admitted defeat when he replied: "We're too far past for that already. It's too late for that now.

"I lost a lot of points today — Mercedes are just ahead. We'll do our best to keep pushing for

RUSSELL . . . second spot

the rest of the season. But they're out ahead now.

"We've lost so much ground to them on points today. It's far too late for those decisions to come.

"It's one of the harder ones to swallow — I was hoping for more."

Leclerc, 28, admitted his battle with Hamilton "went too far" as the team-mates went wheel-to-wheel before the collision.

And a fed-up Hamilton demanded "written rules of engagement" at Ferrari.

He added: "I don't race dirty. So I don't think they should worry about me.

"When I was at Mercedes we had written rules of engagement. And we never really had it too bad.

"Here there are no rules and I think that needs to probably change."

Asked what Ferrari must do to get the most out of their races, Hamilton said the buck stops with team boss Fred Vasseur.

He added: "Ultimately, it comes from the top. It trickles down from decisions. It starts with Fred."

Monzamental effort, Kimi

MERC ACE WINS HOME GP FROM 19TH

'NELLI GIVES IT SOME WELLY . . . Antonelli celebrates his remarkable victory in Italy

KIMI ANTONELLI should be handed the world championship NOW as he incredibly came back from 19th on the grid to win the Italian Grand Prix.

From ISABELLE BARKER IN MONZA

This race was supposed to be a golden chance for George Russell and Lewis Hamilton's title hopes, with Antonelli starting near the back due to an engine penalty.

Mercedes reckoned the best outcome would be a fifth-place finish for their Bologna-born 20-year-old.

But Antonelli told them to hold his gelato as he became the first Italian winner at Monza since Ludovico Scarfiotti 60 years ago.

Only one driver has come back from further behind. John Watson holds the F1 record for winning a Grand Prix from the lowest grid position, starting in 22nd place at the 1983 Long Beach race.

Antonelli's blistering drive meant team-mate Russell, who started second on the grid, had to settle for runner-up ahead of Dutchman Max Verstappen in third in his Red Bull.

There was a nail-biting tussle between the two Mercedes cars late on but Antonelli made his final overtake stick with three laps to go.

The young star is now 66 points ahead of Russell – who despite being very gracious in defeat was booed on the podium – while Hamilton is 76 adrift of the lead after a sixth-place result at Monza.

Antonelli said: "I am so happy and I could have never imagined to be here today. But we managed to pull it off and I'm really, really happy."

Meanwhile Mercedes boss Toto Wolff said: "Kimi can walk on water here in Monza.

"It has been a while since I've seen a driver with energy levels, mindset and a behavioural pattern like this.

"I knew that was his mission here – to win the race."

This was supposed to be Ferrari's big day out, with the boisterous Tifosi packing out the stands in a wave of red.

But as well as Hamilton's sixth, the Scuderia were left with a DNF from Charles Leclerc, who suffered a massive crash only two laps in.

The two drivers even made contact on the first circuit, with Leclerc squeezing Hamilton wide.

The 28-year-old then smashed into the barriers on the second lap after a massive wheelspin.

There was a 15-minute delay as the barrier had to be repaired – and then an extra formation lap as RB's Yuki Tsunoda did not line up correctly in his starting spot.

Alpine's Pierre Gasly had taken a shock pole position the previous day – the first Frenchman at the front of the grid since Jean Alesi in 1997.

But Russell overtook Gasly at the start of lap two and got off well from the restart. Out of nowhere Verstappen was suddenly hot on his heels, having also dispatched Gasly to become the new race leader by lap 12.

Antonelli had shot up into 12th at the first start and then bulldozed into third after the restart.

Russell, Antonelli and Verstappen all traded blows before the Italian phenomenon led the race for the first time on lap 16.

The Mercedes drivers chopped and changed the lead twice more as they soared away from Verstappen.

Russell passed Antonelli again and the duo were told to stop yo-yoing on the team radio to try to build a bigger gap over Verstappen.

The virtual safety car was called into action as Aston Martin's Lance Stroll stopped on the track, handing Antonelli and Verstappen a free pit-stop while Russell for some reason stayed out.

Antonelli began the hunt for the lead and nearly overtook Russell but went into the gravel in a heart-in-the-mouth moment.

He recovered to stay less than a second behind and Monza erupted as he took the lead on lap 50.

After the race, fans dressed in Ferrari red invaded the track – but this time they were chanting for new hero Antonelli at the Silver Arrows.

OUT . . . Ferrari's Leclerc devastated after crash

ITALIAN GRAND PRIX RESULT

53 laps
190.596 miles

NEXT RACE

Spanish Grand Prix
September 13

1 Kimi Antonelli 25pts

2 George Russell 18pts

3 Max Verstappen 15pts

4	Lando Norris (GB)	12pts
5	Oscar Piastri (AUS)	10pts
6	Lewis Hamilton (GB)	8pts
7	Pierre Gasly (FRA)	6pts
8	Arvid Lindblad (GB)	4pts
9	Franco Colapinto (ARG)	2pts
10	Yuki Tsunoda (JPN)	1pt

OTHER FINISHERS

11 Gabriel Bortoleto (**BRA**) Audi, **12** Nico Hulkenberg (**GER**) Audi, **13** Carlos Sainz (**SPA**) Williams, **14** Liam Lawson (**NZ**) Red Bull, **15** Ollie Bearman (**GB**) Haas, **16** Esteban Ocon (**FRA**) Haas, **17** Alex Albon (**THA**) Williams, **18** Sergio Perez (**MEX**) Cadillac, **19** Valtteri Bottas (**FIN**) Cadillac.

DID NOT FINISH: Charles Leclerc (**MON**) Ferrari, Fernando Alonso (**SPA**) Aston Martin, Lance Stroll (**CAN**) Aston Martin

DRIVER STANDINGS

1	Kimi Antonelli	267
2	GEORGE RUSSELL	201
3	LEWIS HAMILTON	191
4	LANDO NORRIS	171
5	Charles Leclerc	155
6	Max Verstappen	127
7	Oscar Piastri	116
8	Isack Hadjar	71
9	Liam Lawson	51
10	Pierre Gasly	41

VARDY . . . one-year deal

Legend Vardy's a Turf guy

By CHRIS HUGHES

JAMIE VARDY returned to England in a shock move to struggling Burnley.

The veteran striker, 39, was a free agent having left Cremonese following their Serie A relegation at the end of last season.

Vardy — who famously fired underdogs Leicester to Prem glory in 2016 — has the job of helping lift the Clarets off the bottom of the Championship.

Vardy, who scored seven goals in 29 appearances for Cremonense, told the club's website: "I'm really happy to now be here.

"This club has a proper footballing history and passionate fans who deserve a team that represents them and their town.

"I just can't wait to get going on the pitch and help the team move in the right direction."

Turf Moor chiefs have signed up the ex-England international on a one-year deal after relegation from the top flight.

The floundering Clarets are winless from their opening five games of the Championship campaign under their new manager Nicky Hayen.

Vardy famously rose from non-league football to become a legend at the Foxes, where he also won the 2021 FA Cup.

Tchat hurts — Goals P10

Sport

RONALD KOEMAN'S son netted two penalties to earn Telstar a 2-2 against Cambuur — and he is a keeper!

The Eredivisie side were 2-0 down before Ronald Koeman Jr kept his cool to earn a point.

SHORT

Another Ant assist

ANTHONY GORDON set up a goal as Barcelona extended their unbeaten start to the LaLiga term.

The England winger laid one on for Fermin Lopez in a 5-0 win at Valencia.

It was the ex-Newcastle star's fourth assist in as many games since his £60.6million summer move.

He is the third player this century to do so in his first four games, along with Cesc Fabregas and Luis Suarez.

Lamine Yamal hit an early opener before fellow Spain ace Lopez struck.

Raphinha and Pedri also netted and Yamal sealed it for the league leaders.

Sub Gabriel Jesus got a late cameo and there was a first start for ex-Manchester City ace Rodri.

On-loan Liverpool star Harvey Elliott made his Valencia debut as a sub.

PAUL INCE EXCLUSIVE

Get Inter `em

INCE WITH A SHOUT . . . the Guv'nor put a tough start behind him to star for Inter Milan

ENGLISH TRIO HAVE AN EASIER ITALIAN JOB THAN GUV'NOR

PAUL INCE believes today's England stars will have an easier time settling in at Inter Milan than he did in the 1990s.

By TOM BARCLAY

That is because Serie A is not what it was when Ince was taking on the likes of Zinedine Zidane — and learning the lingo is no longer essential.

Reigning champions Inter doubled the number of Englishmen to ever play for them by recruiting John Stones, Djed Spence and Curtis Jones this summer.

The Three Lions trio face a tasty fixture tomorrow when they take on Jude Bellingham's Real Madrid in their Champions League opener.

Ince was only the second Englishman to play for the Nerazzurri following his shock £8.5million move from Manchester United in 1995.

He followed Gerry Hitchens, who moved from Aston Villa in the '60s, before Ashley Young retraced Ince's footsteps, leaving Old Trafford for the San Siro in January 2020.

Now Jones *(above)*, Stones *(right)* and Spence *(below)* are flying the St George's flag in Milan.

Former midfielder Ince, 58, told SunSport: "Serie A was the best league in the world.

"You had Roberto Baggio, Paolo Maldini, Franco Baresi, Zidane, great, great players. I don't think it is now, I really don't.

"It's a lot easier now for players like Spence, Stones and Jones to go to these places. There's not a language barrier.

"When I went, everyone spoke Italian, so you had to speak the language. It took me six months to learn Italian.

"English is a global language and all the players speak it, so it's easier for English players to go abroad and settle."

Ince, known as The Guv'nor during his playing days, revealed he struggled to adapt at first — largely because of the language — and it affected his game.

One particular match at Napoli under boss Ottavio Bianchi summed up the challenges he faced. Ince recalled: "The manager was playing 3-5-2 with me on the left wing. I was thinking, 'I've just had six years at United in centre midfield and this guy is playing me on the left wing'.

"We're 1-0 down at half-time. The president, Massimo Moratti, comes down and he's absolutely fuming, effing and blinding in Italian.

"I thought, 'I don't speak Italian but I've got to say something.

"So I said to my best mate at the time, Massimo Paganin, 'Do me a favour. I'll speak to you in English and you can relay it to the president'.

"I felt bad because I should be talking to the manager.

"But I said, 'Just tell him the last four games I've played left wing. And I'm not a left-winger.

"'Tell him either I play midfield in the second half or I want to go back to England'.

"So he changed it. I went into midfield. That was on a Sunday.

"On Monday, the manager got sacked and a few weeks later Roy Hodgson came in!"

Midfielder Jones, who left Liverpool for £35m last month, came off the bench at half-time in Saturday's 3-2 win over Napoli.

Stones, signed on a free after his Manchester City contract expired, was an unused sub but had minutes in the previous two league games, which Inter also won.

Spence, a £30m arrival from Spurs, is yet to make his bow as he builds up his fitness.

Ince added: "It's probably a back three at Inter so Spence can play right wing-back and left wing-back. Pace-wise he's very, very good.

"Stones will be ideal. He'll be the centre of the three centre-halves.

"He's played in midfield for City and been outstanding, so can even fit into that centre midfield role.

"Jones, he's got a point to prove. He didn't get the game time at Liverpool.

"Over the next 40-odd games, I'm very interested to see how they progress."

MADE THE MOVE

ENGLISH PLAYERS IN SERIE A (2026-27 season)

Omari Hutchinson	AC Milan
Ruben Loftus-Cheek	AC Milan
Fikayo Tomori	AC Milan
Jonathan Rowe	Bologna
Harry Winks	Calgiari
Trevoh Chalobah	Co mo
Cody Drameh	Genoa
Curtis Jones	Inter Milan
Djed Spence	Inter Milan
John Stones	Inter Milan
Lloyd Kelly	Juventus
Omari Forson	Monza
Keinan Davis	Udinese

THANK GOD I HELPED HODD

FORMER England midfielder Paul Ince has opened up about the "worst experience of my life" when he tried to help Glenn Hoddle during his heart attack.

By TOM BARCLAY

The pair were doing punditry for BT Sport on Hoddle's 61st birthday in October 2018 when the Tottenham and Three Lion icon collapsed.

A quick-thinking sound engineer with first-aid training performed CPR on Hoddle, as well as using a defibrillator to deliver a shock.

While waiting for paramedics, Ince consoled his old England boss by talking him through their shared football experiences while cradling his head.

Ex-Chelsea chief Hoddle recovered but Ince, 58, said: "It was probably the worst experience in my life.

"We were playing table football, then the next minute he just keeled over and had a heart attack.

"I had his head in my hands trying to keep him awake — talking about the World Cup in 1998, about our time at Wolves. I was probably sat there for about an hour until the medical people came. Now when I speak to him, it's on the golf course!"

The crisis is why Ince is part of the campaign Every Minute Matters, where Sky Bet and the British Heart Foundation have a mission to stop any fear of using a defibrillator.

Ince added: "The defibs are in all these communities. If someone was to collapse now, 200 yards away you'd be able to get a defib machine.

"The machine does it for you — it's not hard to work — so it's a great, great cause. When I think about Glenn and see what he's doing now, it brings a smile to my face."

BEFORE THE SCARE . . . Ince and Hoddle in 2017

INFANTINO . . . election

Infantino gets Fifa backing

By MARTIN LIPTON

FIFA has been forced to confirm Gianni Infantino will stand for another term as president — despite his plan to sell off the World Cup.

Infantino announced in April his intention to ask for a final four-year term as global game chief.

But what appeared set to be little more than a coronation in March was thrown into disarray after the scheme to sell 20 per cent of the game's crown jewels to a private US consortium emerged.

Infantino had already been on the back foot after intervening at the behest of US President Donald Trump to waive US striker Folarin Balogun's World Cup red-card ban.

But the leaking of the sell-off idea saw opponents, led by Uefa, gather their forces.

And the Euro rulers threatened to withdraw from future Fifa tournaments unless Infantino quit, though that idea was canned last month after Fifa said there would be no return to the project.

Even so, Uefa, Asia and the North and Central American confederation Concacaf launched legal proceedings, alleging Infantino's effective £15bn World Cup valuation would have amounted to fraud.

Asked in Poland on Saturday if he still plans to stand again, Infantino declined to answer.

But 24 hours later, a Fifa spokesman said: "Nothing has changed. Mr Infantino will be standing for re-election."

As it stands, the Swiss, 56, is the only candidate — but Uefa is ready to get behind Canada's Victor Montagliani.

So far, Montagliani has kept his counsel, with the nominations deadline looming on November 18.

Bielik set to cop it

CARDIFF defender Krystian Bielik could be in police trouble after he was filmed laying his hands on a young Portsmouth fan.

And Pompey may face an FA inquiry for not controlling their fans after two were ejected from Fratton Park for striking City players during Saturday's Championship clash.

A video of the incident appeared to show Bielik, 28, grabbing the youngster after he had chucked the ball away at a throw-in.

Pompey said police are investigating and urged "caution against speculation" about claims "circulating" online.

The FA are aware of the matter and await the referee's match report.

PREMIER LEAGUE

EVERTON

GEORGE 83; MAITLAND-NILES 90

'LAND OF HOPE AND GLORY . . . Everton sub Maitland-Niles curls in a late leveller and strikes a pose for fans (below)

FIRST MAIT

Ainsley's debut strike

95 AT 95m 11s, Ainsley Maitland-Niles' goal was the latest scored so far by Everton in the Prem at the Hill Dickinson Stadium.

LAST FOUR EVERTON PREM DEBUT SCORERS

Yesterday	Ainsley Maitland-Niles	Man Utd
Aug 11, 2018	Richarlison	Wolves
Jan 15, 2017	Ademola Lookman	Man City
Aug 30, 2014	Samuel Eto'o	Chelsea

24 MANCHESTER UNITED have hit the woodwork 24 times in the Prem since the start of last season — six of them by Bruno Fernandes.

2 MANCHESTER UNITED 2

MBEUMO 46; SESKO 88

MATCH STATS

EVERTON		MAN UTD
18	SHOTS	14
6	SHOTS ON TARGET	3
45%	POSSESSION	55%
420	PASSES	524
362	COMPLETED PASSES	455
31	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	26
4	CORNERS	3
7	FOULS CONCEDED	11
3/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	3/0
MATCH TIME: 100m 07s		
BALL IN PLAY: 58m 34s		

TY IT UP . . . George arrows in the first of Everton's equalisers

BIG BEN . . . Sesko outjumps his marker to put United 2-1 ahead

MANCHESTER UNITED have shipped two goals in each of their first three league games for the second time in 50 years.

That is what you get for failing to sign a defender.

Everton have a threadbare squad, sold last season's top scorer Beto, were reduced to enquiring about Red Devils misfit Joshua Zirkzee . . . and yet were still the more attack-minded team at Hill Dickinson.

David Moyes' side had twice as many attempts on target as United, whose defence is as unconvincing as some of their manager's answers.

Consequently it was not a huge surprise when Ainsley Maitland-Niles hit a belter to bag the added-time equaliser for the Toffees.

The vistiors wanted a left-back in the summer, dithered, enquired about Newcastle regular Lewis Hall too late and have settled with Luke Shaw as their only senior out-and-out player in that position.

United, who also shipped two goals in each of their first three Premier Legaue fixtures in 2020, have gone backwards at full-back.

Boss Michael Carrick, who saw his side clawed back after taking the lead twice through Bryan Mbeumo and Benjamin Sesko, alarmingly said on Friday that defence would not necessarily be the area to reinforce next summer.

Even he cannot surely believe that.

Harry Maguire, who soldiered on after a bloodied nose, is only going to get slower. Lisandro Martinez has never been renowned for his pace and there are early signs of a World Cup hangover for the Argentine.

By SAMUEL LUCKHURST
MAN UNITED CORRESPONDENT

Carrick has to hope that, after delaying strengthening the defence, it is not too late for his own sake.

Four points from nine against Hull, Ipswich and now Everton is a poor return – and the visit of Prem leaders Manchester City to Old Trafford on Sunday already has an ominous air for United's boss.

Carrick was questioned about his dubious call to substitute Marcus Rashford in the 70th minute – but claimed he "felt something".

The England star looked just fine but the tone was set.

His replacement, Patrick Dorgu, is a fullback by trade. An extra defender merely invited Everton onto United even more.

From a coaching perspective, this was one of Carrick's worst with United against one of his former Red Devils managers.

Moyes' best Everton teams always embraced their underdog status and he now has barely enough senior professionals to fill the matchday teamsheet.

Neither Maitland-Niles nor Tyrique George, Everton's scorers, are strikers – and the absence of a dependable frontman, for both sides, is glaring.

Mbeumo *(below)* has offset Sesko's absence time and again under Carrick and did so with his very tidy opening goal.

The Cameroon star played the entirety of pre-season up front but has switched to his natural role on the right flank and made it two goals in two games a minute after the restart.

There were swathes of empty seats as fans were still savouring their half-time refreshments when Mbeumo weaved towards the penalty area and placed the ball beyond Jordan Pickford's reach.

But Jack Grealish returned as a sub to remind naysayers that Everton still have some stardust.

Dalot was booked after he upended Grealish and the maverick's 66th-minute arrival energised the hosts.

They started to pepper Senne Lammens' goal, yet lacked a clinical finish.

Lammens had his worst game for United. He fumbled a cross, punched a catchable shot and was feeble for George's 80th-minute leveller. The visiting defenders may complain that they lack protection.

Even when United bought a defensive midfielder, they left it so late that Carlos Baleba got injured.

Baleba, who has been all but ruled out of Sunday's Manchester derby, may not debut until October.

City should have £322million of new midfielders to pit against the modestly-assembled trio of Kobbie Mainoo, Youri Tielemans and Andrey Santos.

But United looked to have won it when Pickford gloved sub Sesko's 88th-minute header into the net.

With the Slovenian in line for a first club start in four months against Sabah in the Champions League on Thursday, and United teeming with auxiliary striker options when he is not in the line-up, they should get by without a back-up No 9.

But Thierno Barry, Everton's only recognised striker, showed why they are pining for a new centre-forward, heading the best chance of the goalless first half over after Maguire was caught ball-watching.

Former Arsenal man Maitland-Niles' showed how it should be done with his Fergie-time denier.

Keeper Lammens could do with some new defenders.

But it is too late now.

HOW THEY LINED UP

EVERTON: Pickford, Rohl (Hackney 75), Tarkowski, Branthwaite, Mykolenko, Armstrong, Garner (Maitland-Niles 77), Johnson (Grealish 66), Dewsbury-Hall. George, Barry.
MANCHESTER UNITED: Lammens, Dalot (Yoro 84), Maguire, Martinez, Shaw (Mazraoui 90), Mainoo (Santos 84), Tielemans, Mbeumo, Fernandes, Rashford (Dorgu 70), Cunha (Sesko 70).

shows up suspect Utd defence again

20 AT 20y 214d, Tyrique George is the youngest player to score in the Prem for Everton since Jarrad Branthwaite v Chelsea in December 2021 (19y 172d).

NEXT GAMES
SAT 5.30PM Premier League Tottenham (away)
THU 8PM Champions Lge Sabah (home)

MOYES . . . encouraged

BOSS

From Back Page

it's not that bad. We were that close to coming away with three points.

"That's football. We're bitterly disappointed to be up in the game twice, it was so close to the end.

"All the work that went into putting us in that position, to then come away like that — it's not a great feeling.

"It feels like a defeat. We should have had a lot more."

United took the lead through Bryan Mbeumo before Tyrique George's 83rd-minute equaliser.

Five minutes later, sub Benjamin Sesko thought his header had won it.

But former Arsenal star Maitland-Niles — a £4.3million deadline-day signing from Lyon — grabbed his first Prem goal since scoring at Liverpool in December 2018, with a 30-yard rocket.

Carrick added: "There's things we need to get better at as a team.

"There's been two really good strikes from distance.

"Sometimes they fly in the top corner and more often than not they don't.

"We need to concede less goals to give us a better chance of winning. We'll certainly look at that and keep improving."

It feels like a defeat, we should have had more
– MICHAEL CARRICK

Everton ended a turbulent week on a high note to maintain their unbeaten start to the campaign.

The Toffees were forced into a U-turn over plans to sell 19-year-old academy star Harrison Armstrong.

And they then failed to sign a new striker, leaving Thierno Barry as their only senior option following the sale of Beto to Fiorentina for £15million.

But manager David Moyes was encouraged by another battling performance against his former club, who Everton have lost to only once in four fixtures since he returned in January last year.

The Scot said: "It would be hard to say we didn't deserve anything.

"I was happy to get the point but still disappointed.

"When I came back, I said, 'I want us to be a team that can challenge all the top teams', so Everton's supporters are thinking we're going into some games with a chance.

"In the recent games, we had pretty good results against United.

"I want to do that against all the big teams if we can — and assure them we're competitive."

CLEAN AS A WHISTLE

SOUNDING OFF . . . Craig Pawson took 34 secs to blow at Forest match

WAY TO BLOW
WHEN PREM REFS BLEW WHISTLE FIRST

Tom Bramall	Brentford v Sunderland	10s
Craig Pawson	Nottm Forest v Tottenham	34s
Chris Kavanagh	Arsenal v Chelsea	38s
Rob Jones	Newcastle v Bournemouth	38s
John Brooks	Everton v Man Utd	46s
Michael Oliver	Hull v Aston Villa	1m 13s
Stuart Attwell	Brighton v Leeds	1m 30s
Darren England	Ipswich v Liverpool	4m 28s
Sam Barrott	Fulham v Crystal Palace	4m 40s
Paul Tierney	Man City v Coventry	8m 14s

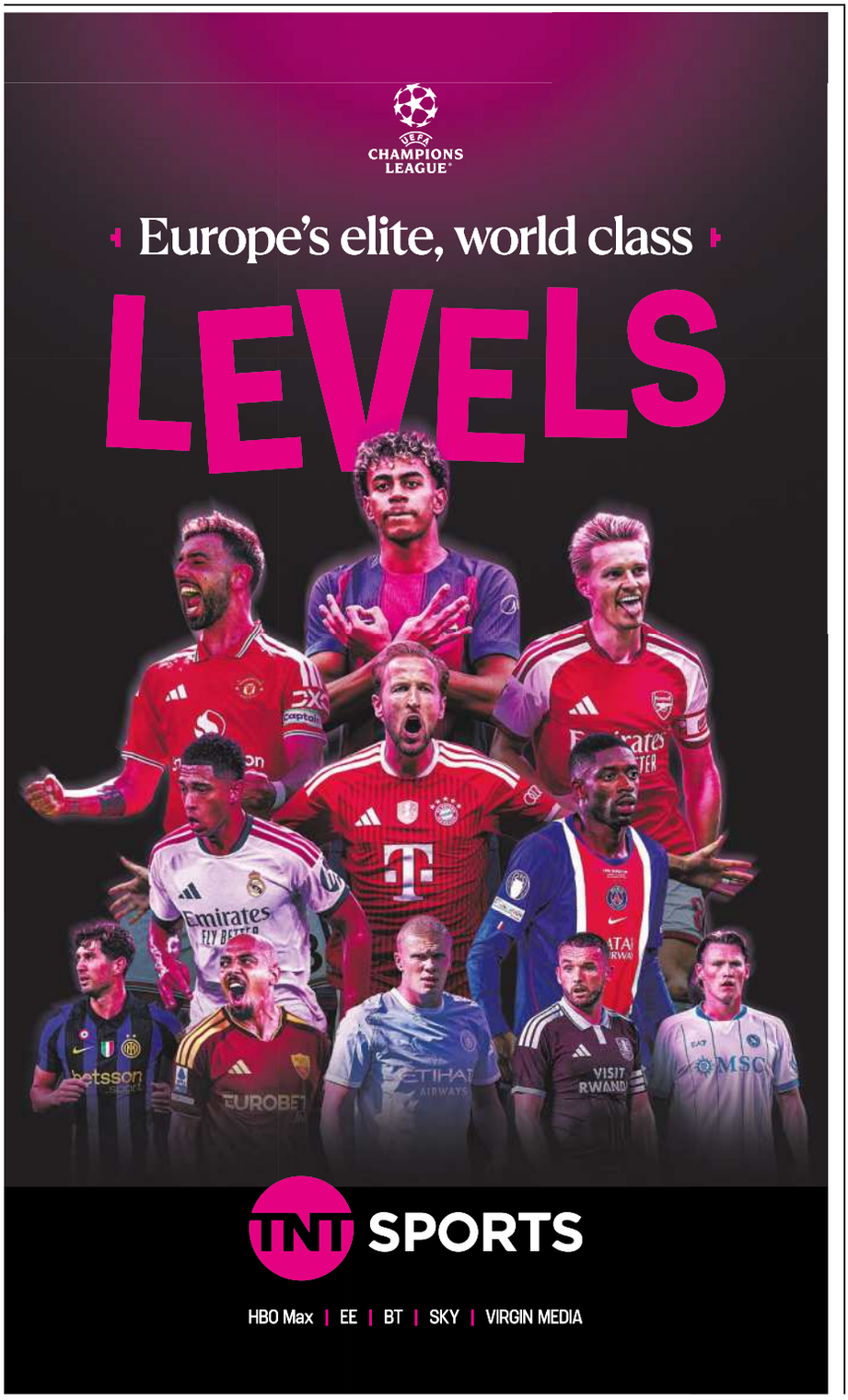
MIKE DEAN claimed he played "games" during Prem matches — which included not blowing his whistle for 20 minutes.

SunSport looked at weekend matches to see how former top ref Dean's comments applied to the current crop.

None of the ten games came close to his threshold for the first blow of the whistle.

Tom Bramall *(right)* was the fastest, awarding a foul to Brentford after just ten seconds against Sunderland.

Paul Tierney held on the longest — eight minutes and 14 seconds into Manchester City's win over Coventry.



Give us a hand

WEBB: CHANGE THE LAW

HOWARD WEBB wants the handball law changed to avoid controversies like Nottingham Forest's disallowed "winner" over Tottenham.

By MARTIN LIPTON

Forest full-back Neco Williams was adjudged by VAR to have used his arm to bundle the ball into the Spurs net at the City Ground.

Ref Craig Pawson awarded the goal *(inset)* before VAR Peter Bankes intervened to chalk it off.

However, replays did not appear to prove the ball struck him on the arm.

Goals are currently ruled out if the ball touches a goalscorer's hand or arm — whether or not it is accidental.

The Forest incident came six days after Manchester United's second goal against Ipswich stood.

That was because although Harry Maguire handled the ball accidentally, his resulting shot deflected off Jacob Greaves for an own goal.

Pro Ref boss Webb believes clearly accidental handball goals **SHOULD** count.

He gave his view **BEFORE** the season started — and the Williams controversy — in a briefing at Prem HQ in West London on August 19.

Webb *(right)* said: "The one thing I would change is in attacking handball decisions.

"At the moment, if the ball goes into the goal off your hand, accidentally or otherwise, you have to disallow that.

"And if it touches your hand accidentally or otherwise and then score with your foot, you have to disallow the goal. The problem is that forces VARs on every goal to look at what body part the ball went in off.

"Most times it's dead obvious it has come off the head or the foot.

"But there's a fair number of situations where it is close to hitting the arm. The VAR has to look at it from different angles.

"There might be six angles focusing in on the player and the first three might not be conclusive.

"So they look at camera No 4.

"If they only look at the first three and say 'check complete' and camera four shows it came off the arm, that's a problem

"If you were only to penalise when the attacker deliberately handles the ball or makes himself unjustifiably big — and not have that forensic examination which p***** people off — you could 'check complete' it more quickly.

"It is a law I would definitely look to change. So Pro Ref and the Premier League are going to try and lobby for that to be changed."

Williams said: "It's a goal. VAR is for when there is a clear and obvious error — that is not clear and obvious.

"At not one moment did I think I handballed it. I headed it in between my arms."

Had the Prem adopted the Fifa-style connected ball chip technology — being used by LaLiga — VAR Bankes would have been alerted to a handball instantly, rather than having to rely on obscured images.

HAALAND . . . haircut

Erli signs are City's rebuild is a winner

By MARTIN BLACKBURN

ERLING HAALAND has hailed Manchester City's "fantastic" transfer window — but insists they are at a different stage of their journey to Premier League champs Arsenal.

Most of the Norwegian's 2023 Treble-winning teammates have left the Etihad, along with legendary gaffer Pep Guardiola.

And the clearout has led to talk the ex-Borussia Dortmund forward could soon follow them.

City spent an initial £441.9million this summer on the likes of Elliot Anderson, Enzo Fernandez, Iliman Ndiaye and Ayyoub Bouaddi.

Haaland, scorer of the only goal against Coventry on Saturday, said: "Arsenal have played together for a long time and built over a longer period, a bit like City when I first joined.

"We're still in a kind of rebuilding phase but the transfer window has been fantastic.

"Well done to the club and people here, especially chairman Khaldoon al Mubarak. They've brought in fantastic footballers but also great people who fit in really well."

We've signed fantastic players and great people — ERLING HAALAND

Haaland, 26, has started this season in typically prolific form, despite ditching his long hair in favour of a buzz cut.

His three goals in three matches following a punishing summer at the World Cup suggest he has lost none of his powers.

He revealed his big pal Zlatan Ibrahimovic had plenty to say before his visit to the barbers.

Haaland told Viaplay: "I was a little nervous. When Zlatan warned me several times, I was a bit scared but it's gone well so far.

"I'd been thinking about it for quite a while but the people around me wanted me to keep it long."

Haaland's first-half header was the 300th club goal of his career.

He added: "I could have scored more and killed the game, so I'm a little annoyed with myself.

"I've needed a couple of games to get into it. Now I'm starting to find my rhythm."

Match report — Goals P6, 7

PREM

BIG-MATCH REACTION

Simon Collings on Arsenal

KAI BLUE 'EM AWAY

Kai Havertz just loves scoring against former club Chelsea.

There are no lingering feelings between the German and his old employers – despite him scoring the winner in the Champions League final for the Blues five years ago.

Chelsea fans have seemingly never forgiven Havertz, 27, for making the move across London in 2023.

And the relationship is only going to worsen if the forward continues his epic run against his old side.

Havertz's strike in this clash made it four goals in his last six games against them.

Havertz has four goals in six games against the Blues

Emi Martinez did not cover himself in glory as he was beaten at his near post.

But it was no more than Havertz deserved for another excellent showing – and he has already scored three times this season.

Viktor Gyokeres, who replaced Havertz late on, is yet to start a match this term.

And, on the evidence so far, the Swede will have to be patient.

HE'S NOT A KON ARTIST

There were more than a few eyebrows raised when it emerged in the summer that Mikel Arteta wanted another centre-back.

After all, when you have just won the title with the best defence in the Premier League, why add to it?

This season, however, is just three games old and the Arsenal boss will be feeling smug that he pushed to bring in Ezri Konsa. William Saliba will be out for months with a back injury and Cristhian Mosquera missed this clash with a hamstring issue.

So if the Gunners had not splashed out £55million on Konsa, Gabriel would have been the only fit centre-back yesterday at the Emirates.

Konsa put in a promising display on his full Gunners debut.

It will take time to build up an understanding with Brazilian Gabriel – but it is not hard to see the quality the England star brings.

That much was clear early in the second half, when Konsa's crunching tackle sent old pal Morgan Rogers flying.

TZO MUCH BETTER

After a woeful outing at Villa Park last Monday, Christos Tzolis must have feared being dropped for this derby.

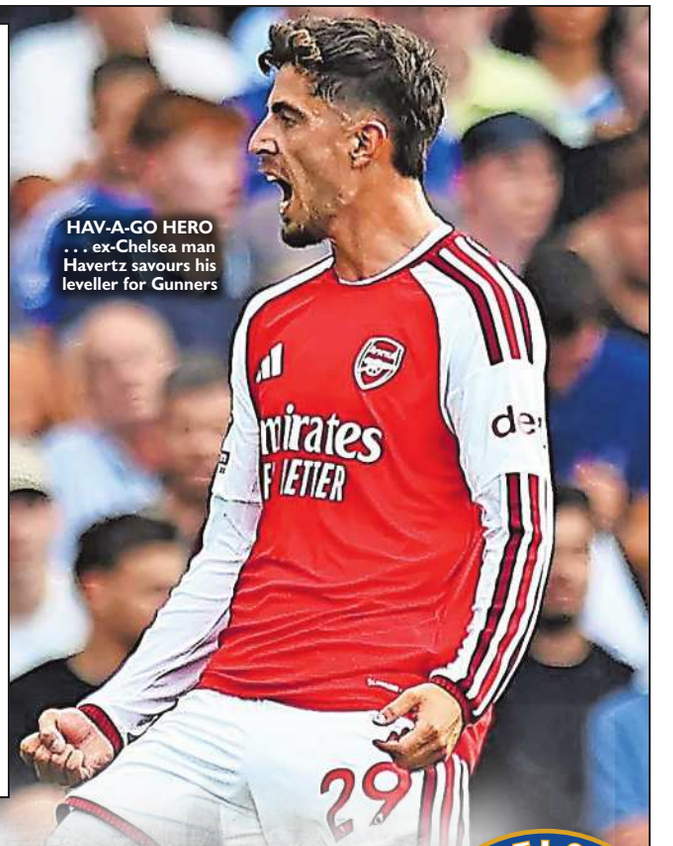
The winger was miles off the pace in Arsenal's 1-0 win at Aston Villa and was hooked at half-time.

But Arteta was justified in his decision to keep faith with Tzolis, instead of turning to Eberechi Eze.

The Greek star, 24, kept his place and looked like a man with a point to prove. Tzolis kept going at his opposite man, forcing Chelsea winger Pedro Neto to think twice about bombing forward.

And Tzolis delivered a moment of real quality early in the second half.

His ball from the left picked out Martin Odegaard – via a delightful Havertz dummy – for the winner to sum up a fine performance.



HAV-A-GO HERO . . . ex-Chelsea man Havertz savours his leveller for Gunners

Arsenal 3 POINTS CHELSEA FOOTBALL CLUB

ON THE RUN . . . Cole Palmer endured a frustrating afternoon against the Gunners

Dan King on Chelsea

HOLD YOUR HANDS UP, EMI

Emi Martinez was signed because Chelsea wanted a keeper who was less gaffe-prone and better with his feet than Robert Sanchez.

Not all five goals Martinez has conceded so far were his fault but the failure to stop Kai Havertz's shot for the equaliser was very poor indeed.

Maybe the kick in the head he took early on in the game from Gabriel was a factor. But probably not.

The Argentine, booed on his latest return to the Emirates, made an important save from Gabriel before Riccardo Calafiori's 'goal' was rightly ruled out for offside.

Martinez's failure to save leveller was very poor

Martinez denied Bukayo Saka in the first half and the save he made from the England man in the second kept his team in the game.

The 2022 World Cup winner will rightly complain about what is going on in front of him, with Chelsea and especially Maxence Lacroix looking shaky.

But he has to hold his hands up when he makes a basic error like this.

CAICEDO AND COLWILL MISSED

Chelsea lost due to a goalkeeping error and one very good goal.

And they did not snatch a draw because of an excellent save.

But the absence of two of their best players from their spine proved crucial. Reece James and Romeo Lavia did pretty well in the first half to stand up to Declan Rice, Myles Lewis-Skelly and Martin Odegaard.

But neither of them is capable of Moises Caicedo's high-energy, high-commitment, 90-minute displays.

Without the Ecuadorian midfielder, Xabi Alonso's side will always find it hard against top opponents.

The loss of defender Levi Colwill to injury for most of last season was a huge factor in the team's struggles.

Despite being just 23, he brings composure and leadership to Chelsea.

They also missed his defensive skills and ability to pass out from the back.

The Blues struggled to handle Havertz's movement and needed Colwill to help Wesley Fofana fight fires.

COLE PALMED OFF

Just when it seemed the real Cole Palmer was standing up again, he endured a frustrating time.

The control Arsenal had over the game was a factor, just as it was when he was anonymous for much of the win over Brighton.

In the first half, he struggled to make any impression, with just one tame shot and one cute pass which almost teed up Joao Pedro.

Palmer's day was summed up when he burst through but could only fire a shot well off target – he was perhaps distracted by Morgan Rogers being cynically tripped by Declan Rice.

Chelsea must help him more going forward but this was not good enough.

PREMIER LEAGUE

ARSENAL

HAVERTZ 25; ODEGAARD 50

ART TURNS

Gunners not only 'Set Piece FC' as Havertz

From MARTIN LIPTON
CHIEF SPORT CORRESPONDENT

ARSENAL are not just "Set Piece FC" any more.

But the Gunners are still the best team in the land — possibly by a country mile.

While Xabi Alonso and Chelsea were not humiliated at the Emirates, the gap between champions and early-season pretenders still seems a chasm.

Last term, acclamation for Mikel Arteta's side came with plenty of caveats attached.

Dull to watch. Too controlled and formulaic. Overly reliant on their ability from corners and free-kicks.

Not that any of that mattered when Martin Odegaard raised the Premier League trophy at Selhurst Park in May.

Joy and delight were the emotions. Yet this September afternoon showcased how Arteta has released the handbrake and told his team to win **AND** entertain.

It gave us all the sense that the Gunners are ready to embark on a campaign to attack their crown, rather than merely defend it.

For the first time this season — indeed, the first time since the eventually illusory defeat at Manchester City in April — Arteta's team went behind.

The punch in the solar plexus came from Morgan Rogers, plucked from their grasp by Chelsea's record-breaking £117million bid. Rogers ended up battered and baited.

He was sent flying both legitimately by Ezri Konsa and less fairly by Declan Rice, receiving a booking and the bird from the home fans after an angry exchange.

What followed Rogers' goal was instructive and enthralling.

Vibrant attacking football, swift passing, intensity and conviction, to end with the Arsenal only trailing Enzo Maresca's new City team at the summit on goals scored after three straight wins.

And in the crucial moments, they showed poise and certainty when they had to pull the trigger.

Kai Havertz, a bundle of invention, deservedly pulled them level — although Emi Martinez will not be alone in reflecting that he might have done better.

The German's goal was fitting reward for the hosts' determination to get back in charge.

Then Odegaard ghosted through a gap the width of the Channel Tunnel — created by Havertz's gorgeous sleight of foot leaving Wesley Fofana a befuddled mess — to fire home five minutes after the restart.

It never really looked after that as though Chelsea would find a way to get back on terms.

That is not to dismiss the industry of Alonso's side.

They will be fantastic going forward and lightning on the counter, with Joao Pedro a constant menace — as he showed by winning the free-kick that led to that early opener. Rogers' volley was top drawer — even if the bout of head tennis preceding it was less glorious.

Cole Palmer had his moments and Pedro Neto hit the post just before the interval.

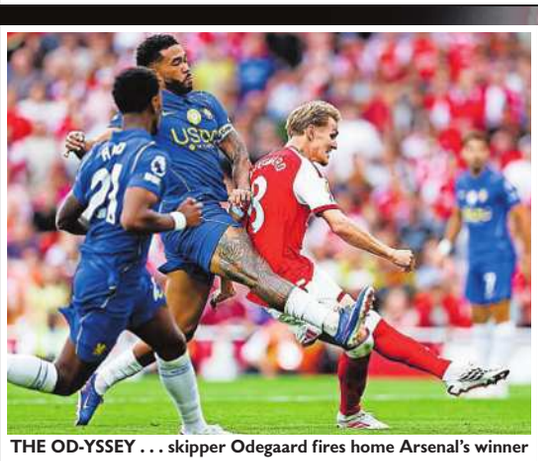
The Brazilian Pedro gave Konsa a tough full Gunners debut, especially in the opening 45 minutes.

Yet Chelsea are defensively vulnerable — and far too vulnerable to be realistic challengers for the title.

Three games played, seven goals conceded.

Eight scored, yes, but you can't keep on playing a high-wire act without falling off now and again.

The fall could have been harder and faster, too, had Arsenal taken all the opportunities their fluency



THE OD-YSSEY . . . skipper Odegaard fires home Arsenal's winner

FLYING START . . . Rogers' early opening goal stuns the Emirates

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15 ARSENAL came from behind to beat Chelsea in the Prem for the first time since October 2011 — when Robin van Persie hit three in a 5-3 win.

BLUE CORNERED
ARSENAL'S LAST 10 IN PREM v CHELSEA

77 MORGAN ROGERS' opener after 77 seconds was the earliest against Arsenal in the Prem since Andreas Pereira for Fulham in August 2023 (57 seconds).

2 CHELSEA 1

ROGERS 2

A CORNER

and Odegaard seal thrilling victory

and invention carved out. Arteta will recognise this was a proper test, especially after Chelsea went ahead so early.

Arsenal failed to deal with Reece James' free-kick and Rogers sent his 20-yarder past the slow-reacting David Raya.

But it was a test Arteta's side passed, with flying colours.

They took the reins and pushing Chelsea deeper and deeper, forcing errors until, eventually, the Blue dam broke.

Alonso's response to Arsenal's corner threat – sending four players towards the halfway line to prevent red shirts from flooding the box – did work.

The visitors were far less convincing as inventive free-kicks, first from Odegaard, then from Rice, should have brought parity.

Riccardo Calafiori's air-shot squandered the initial opening and Gabriel was lucky to avoid sanction for a stray foot into Martinez's head.

When the Italian Calafiori did scramble home the next one, VAR rightly spotted Konsa was clearly offside when he hit the post in the build-up.

It delayed the inevitable.

After moments of danger at the other end involving James, Palmer and Pedro – Arsenal got themselves on to level terms.

Havertz, his movement outstanding, received the ball from Rice, wide on the right.

It should have been dealt with but Havertz was able to float in unchallenged – Maxence Lacroix the final man in dereliction – before squeezing between Martinez and his left-hand upright. The keeper should have done better.

Chelsea responded, Rogers firing wide from 16 yards after linking with Pedro.

The half ended with Neto scampering down the right and seeing his left-footer travel beyond Raya but thud against a post.

There was no real answer, until it was far too late, to the decisive moment as Arsenal switched the ball from right to left, Calafiori finding Christos Tzolis.

The Greek played the ball towards Havertz, whose dummy left Fofana a statue as Odegaard ploughed through the gap before smashing past the exposed Martinez. A brilliant goal.

Arsenal were happy to hold what they had, backing keeper Raya to save, gather and punch.

They know they can do that, too.

The Spaniard parried one effort from Palmer. And two minutes from time, he flew high to his right to deny a superb Estevao strike.

We've seen that movie a few times before.

But the rest of the Arsenal script is different. Much more fun.

Unless you have to play them.

HOW THEY LINED UP

ARSENAL: Raya, White, Konsa, Gabriel, Calafiori (Hincapie 67), Rice, Lewis-Skelly (Zubimendi 67), Saka (Madueke 90), Odegaard (Merino 77), Tzolis, Havertz (Gyokeres 78).

CHELSEA: Martinez, Acheampong, Lacroix, Fofana, Neto (Estevao 81), Lavia (Gusto 60), James, Hato, (Chavarria 60), Palmer, Rogers (Welbeck 87), Pedro.

TIGHT SQUEEZE . . . Havertz finds the corner beyond the despairing hand of Martinez to level it up for Arsenal yesterday

MATCH STATS

ARSENAL		CHELSEA
16	SHOTS	13
9	SHOTS ON TARGET	5
55%	POSSESSION	45%
457	PASSES	379
385	COMPLETED PASSES	309
45	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	25
5	CORNERS	3
13	FOULS CONCEDED	16
2/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	4/0
	MATCH TIME: 99m 35s	
	BALL IN PLAY: 54m 45s	

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
Arsenal	3	3	0	0	6	1	9
Hull	3	2	1	0	3	0	7
Chelsea	3	2	0	1	8	7	6
Brentford	3	1	2	0	5	2	5
Liverpool	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Newcastle	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Everton	3	1	2	0	5	3	5
Leeds	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
Brighton	3	1	1	1	8	5	4
Man Utd	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
Sunderland	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Crystal Palace	3	1	0	2	4	8	3
Ipswich	3	1	0	2	4	8	3
Bournemouth	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
Nottm Forest	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Aston Villa	3	0	1	2	0	5	1
Tottenham	3	0	1	2	0	5	1
Fulham	3	0	0	3	4	7	0
Coventry	3	0	0	3	0	5	0

3 KAI HAVERTZ has scored three Prem goals against former club Chelsea — only Mo Salah and Kevin De Bruyne (both five) have netted more against the Blues as ex-players.

NEXT GAMES

Arsenal: WED 8PM — Champions Lge — Napoli (away)

Chelsea: WED 8PM — Carabao Cup 3rd Round — Leeds (home)

ROW . . . Rogers rages at Rice over trip

LAYER

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personality – the threat that we generated, some huge individual performances.

"The conviction, determination, the quality of which I intend them to have constantly, it was beautiful.

"It's an indication for us of how capable we are to perform at an even higher level than last season.

"It depends on how we maintain and sustain that desire, humbleness, and every day try to find a better version of myself and the team.

"We still have a lot to grow and a lot to offer – and this is the ambition of the team."

The champions recovered from £117million summer signing Morgan Rogers' second-minute strike to overcome big-spending Chelsea in a pulsating London derby.

Ex-Gunners keeper Emi Martinez allowed Kai Havertz to equalise before Odegaard's brilliant winner.

Havertz wrong-footed defender Wesley Fofana with a wonderful dummy and the Norwegian – who scored once in last year's title-winning campaign as he struggled with injury – smashed home to continue his red-hot form.

Odegaard has now found the net twice in the opening three games of their title defence.

He said: "It was a massive game against a tough opponent and we got there in the end, so brilliant.

"Our mentality is to just keep fighting. We've shown that many times. We never want to concede early but the reaction is top.

"We got our reward in the end and showed our quality – with and without the ball – and the result reflects that."

Arteta is delighted to see Odegaard back to his best.

The Emirates chief said: "He's fit, he feels confident, I think one of the highest I've seen from him.

"And he has a point to prove after missing so much football.

"He gets to this point as he's enjoying his football. When you do that, you play with real intent.

"That's what I love – to see him running forward, he took shots and created so many situations for his team-mates."

Rogers had a furious row with England team-mate Declan Rice late on after the Arsenal midfielder escaped punishment for a cynical trip on the Chelsea star.

SunSport's ref expert Mark Halsey said: "Rogers wasn't happy and went for Rice – but ended up with a yellow card for his aggressive attitude towards Rice.

"Rice should have been booked but the trip was unseen by referee Chris Kavanagh. VAR cannot get involved in cautionable offences."

Chelsea almost snatched a draw but keeper David Raya made a fine save from sub Estevao.

Blues boss Xabi Alonso, without key midfielder Moises Caicedo again, said: "The defeat hurts. It was a very tight and intense game.

"You must deal with injuries – the squad are missing the injured player. But the ones we had went with full gas, tried their best and have given everything."

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TOFF TO TAKE . . . Maitland-Niles (left) enjoys his strike which rocked Carrick (inset)

BOSS IN DE-NILE OVER UTD START

By SAMUEL LUCKHURST

MICHAEL CARRICK claims Manchester United have NOT had a bad start to the season — despite only one win in three games.

The Red Devils blew the lead twice at Everton, who rescued a point after their debutant Ainsley Maitland-Niles' 96th-minute wonder strike.

This draw means United have four points from a possible nine after losing to Hull and then thumping fellow Prem newboys Ipswich last week.

Boss Carrick's men now host table-toppers Manchester City in Sunday's derby.

But the ex-Old Trafford midfielder bristled at accusations his side's fine form from last season had stalled.

He hit back: "We haven't started the season that badly,

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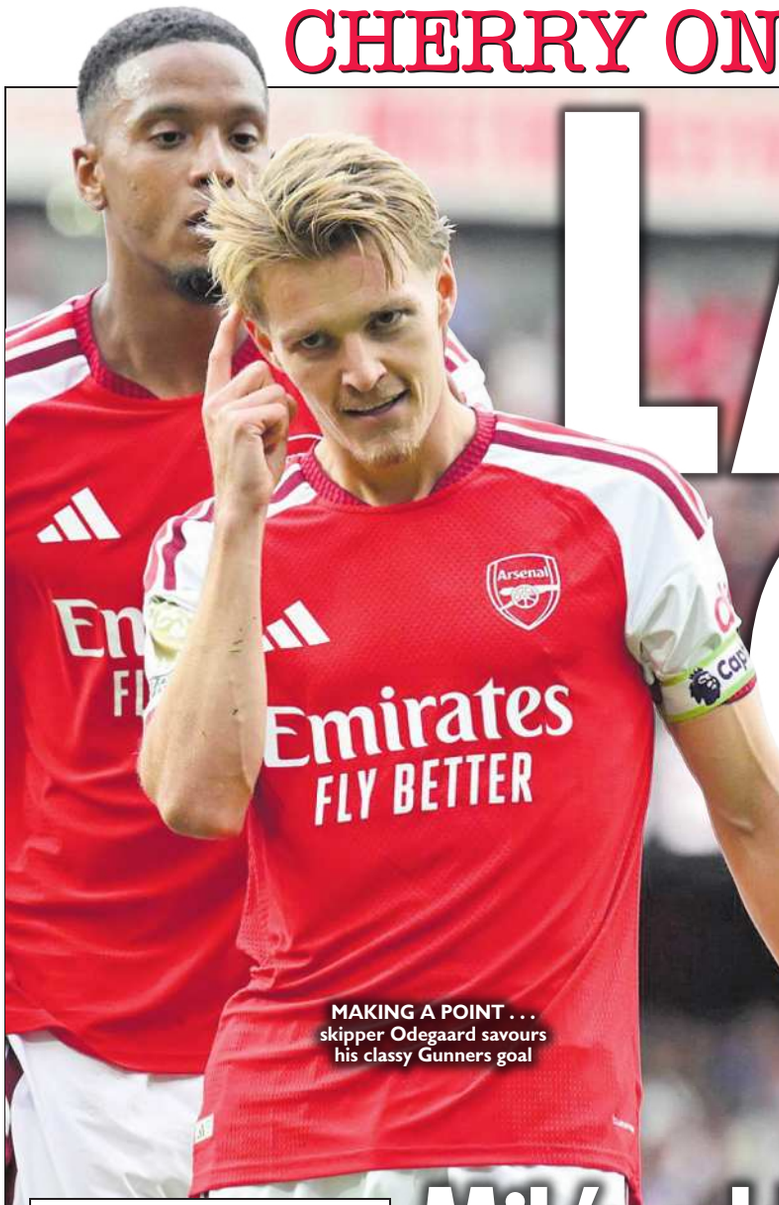
CHERRY ON TOP FOR GUNNERS

LAYER CAKE



MAKING A POINT . . . skipper Odegaard savours his classy Gunners goal

By DAN KING

BULLISH Mikel Arteta warned Arsenal's Prem rivals: We've added layers to defend our title in style.

The champions laid down a big marker with a statement comeback victory over Chelsea – thanks to Martin Odegaard's 50th-minute winner.

Arsenal kept up their 100 per cent start to draw level on points with Manchester City at the top and boss Arteta *(right)* believes his men have all the ingredients to be even better than last year.

He said: "It was another layer, and we demanded another layer of dynamism, threat, intent and aggression in the attacking phase. It was an exceptional display.

"It was a joy to watch the team play, compete with composure, with

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Mik's added extra tiers to win trophies in style

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Winter test for Raa

RAAHEEB is ready to rumble in this afternoon's Group 3 Winter Hill Stakes feature at Windsor.

The Owen Burrows-trained colt made a taking impression when hacking up in the Classic Trial at Sandown in April.

Raaheeb (*right*) was not disgraced on ground quicker than ideal when finishing fourth in the Irish Derby in June.

Connections have given him time to mature but report him ready to go for today's test where he faces six useful rivals.

Angus Gold, racing manager to owners Shadwell, said: "Windsor has been the plan. We would have prefered softer ground but Owen has been very pleased with him.

"We believe he will only get better with age."

By MARK NEVIN

KA SMASHES OWN RECORD

TRAINER David Hayes declared Ka Ying Rising 'bigger, stronger and better' as the world's best sprinter shattered his own track record at Sha Tin by a second.

Hayes said: "He's got bigger, stronger and better — he's a superstar!" Ka Ying Rising is the 1-3 favourite to defend his Everest crown in Australia on October 17.

Tiffany shines in US

TENACIOUS Tiffany and Luke Morris led home a British and Irish 1-2-3 in the Kentucky Turf Cup on Saturday night.

The Sir Mark Prescott-trained mare had too many gears for last year's Breeders' Cup hero Ethical Diamond holding him off by a length-and-three-quarters with Ed Walker's Fort George staying on for third.

Tiffany also earned a 'Win and You're In' entry for the Breeders' Cup Turf and the bookies rate her a 10-1 shot on what could be her grande finale.

Morris (*below*) said: "She's class. Fingers crossed now all roads lead to the Breeders' Cup."

The raiders were out of luck in the Nashville Derby with 20-1 outsider Caroline St. Beat holding off the Hugo Palmer-trained Glacius.

By MARK NEVIN

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FRIENDLY FIRE . . . Friendly Soul makes all to win the Group 1 Prix Vermeille

SOUL MATE

Brave Friend so tough in 'rough' Prix Vermeille

JOHN AND THADY GOSDEN enjoyed a huge Group 1 boost as Friendly Soul made all the running to win the Prix Vermeille.

By their own high standards this season has not been a great one for the Gosdens with just the **TWO** Group 1s, but yesterday's victory at Lonchamp had a mixture of bravery, class and toughness.

A top-level winner in the Prix de l'Opera on Arc weekend two years ago, Friendly Soul missed the entirety of last season through injury. However, she has slowly come to the boil this term and jockey James Doyle did not have any stamina doubts, sending her straight to the lead from the off.

The winner rider kicked clear on the home turn and always had runner-up Pink Panthera covered with the unlucky Sunly running on strongly for third.

Thady said: "Last time she was here she won the Prix de l'Opera, a couple of years ago now. She likes to do things her own way

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By MARK NEVIN

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The biggest and the best pullout

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PERTH JUMPERS GOING: GOOD

2.20 AUTO SERVICES PERTH NOVICES' HCAP CHASE (Cl 3) £6,337; 2m 4f (2 runners)

1 -11121 **DUNKERQUE 18 (D)**
J Candlish 6-11-10 ..... **Sean Quinlan** ●99
Runs: 17 Wins: 6 (F,5G) Places: 1 £40,752
Five-time winner over fences, only 4lb higher than last win, one to beat

2 1/11-3 **FOLLOW YOUR LUCK 23**
P Neville 5-11-0 ..... **Brian Hughes** 98
Runs: 5 Wins: 3 (2GS) £12,739
Unexposed, encouraging course debut here last month, huge threat

BETTING: 4-5 Dunkerque, Evens Follow Your Luck
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 2
2025: Lightkeeper 7-11-10, S Bowen 17-2 (G Elliott Ire), 6 ran.

2.50 AUTO SERVICES VOLKSWAGEN COMMERCIAL NOVICES' HURDLE (4); winner £5,281; 2m. (5 runners)

1 3/193-1 **COSMOS D'AINAY 59** G Elliott (Ire) 6-11-7 ..... **Sean Bowen 98**
2 8-51 **PUPPET MASTER 17 (D)** C Murphy (Ire) 4-11-5 ..... **James Bowen ●99**
3 7/ **SECRET SOLDIER 794** A Hamilton 6-11-0 ..... **Conor Rabbitt (3) —**
4 44-123 **DATSTHEHOLYALLOFIT 10 (BF,D)** P Neville 5-10-7 ..... **Brian Hughes 96**
5 3333-3 **LUNA GRACE 106** L Russell & M Scudamore 4-10-5 ..... **Derek Fox 91**

BETTING: 5-4 Cosmos D'ainay, 2 Puppet Master, 9-2 Datstheholyallofit, 15-2 Luna Grace, 33 Secret Soldier
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: FE 1
2025: Chortal 4-1 1-5 Sean Bowen 2-5 Fav (G Elliott(Ire)), 8 ran.

3.20 AUTO SERVICES PERTH 24-HR RECOVERY HCAP HURDLE (4) £5,281; 2m (8 runners)

1 /450-2 **CASTLEHEATH 36 (D)**
C Murphy (Ire) 5-12-0 ..... **Sean Bowen 98**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 1 £11,624
Excellent second in a decent hcap at Galway, must have every chance

2 3-4218 **SCRIABIN 23 (CD)**
L Russell & M Scudamore 6-11-5 .. **Patrick Wadge 90**
Runs: 13 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 6 £17,816
Won maiden here in July, not so good back in a hcap, others appeal more

3 79-124 **NOBOTHERATALL 51 (D)**
T Davidson 6-11-3 ..... **Derek Fox 96**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 3 £13,469
Won a novice at Kelso but potential improver on hcap debut, one to watch

4 55-021 **TRY THEM 23 (CD)**
P Neville 4-11-2 ..... **Brian Hughes** ●99
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £8,732
Course-and-distance winner last time, leading claims on hcap debut

5 5952-6 **INAPPROPRIATE F13 (P★;D)**
E Whillans 5-11-1 ..... **Sean Quinlan 86**
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 1 £36,115
Well treated on his best form, but must recover from a poor Flat defeat

6 5-4434 **PURE GOLD 23 (CD)**
L Harrison 6-10-12 ..... **Peter Kavanagh 97**
Runs: 20 Wins: 3 (GS,2G) Places: 5 £28,790
Course-and-distance winner last year, dropping in the weights, player

7 46-537 **JUST DOTTIE 23 (T★;CD)**
R Smith 8-10-9 ..... **Ben Smith (7) 91**
Runs: 25 Wins: 4 (2GS,2G) Places: 3 £26,164
Four-time winner at this track, first-time tongue-tie on, check betting

8 798- **ELEMENTAL EYE F8**
I Jardine 5-10-5 ..... **Danny McMenamin 87**
Runs: 3 £0
Unexposed hcap debutant, but recent Flat defeat was far from promising

BETTING: 2 Try Them, 3 Castleheath, 13-2 Nobotheratall, Pure Gold, 10 Elemental Eye, Inappropriate, 12 Scriabin, 14 Just Dottie
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1
2025: The Last Cloud 5-12-0, B Hughes 10-11F (P Neville), 5 ran.

Sunracing FORM

CASTLEHEATH (11-2) 14-1 led, joined last and ridden, headed run-in, kept on same pace, btn 5l by Timurshah (11-10) (17 ran) (Galway 2m 1f cond hcap hdle €10,500 good).
PURE GOLD (10-3) 7-1 towards rear, pushed along 2 out, kept on one pace run-in, 4th of 8 (btn 14l) to Nap Hand (10-5) **SCRIABIN** (10-9) 11-1 mid-division, not fluent 4 out, weakened before 2 out, last (btn 19l) (Perth 2m hcap hdle (2) £13,008 good).
NOBOTHERATALL (11-7) 11-2 led, headed 2 out, ridden when not fluent last, weakened, 4th of 6 (btn 16l) to Master Haku (11-7) (Market Rasen 2m 5f nov hdle (4) £5,446 good).
TRY THEM (11-1) 7-4 fav made all, brief challenged 2 out, soon forged on, ridden out run-in and kept on well, bt Crackalackin (10-12) 3½l (7 ran) (Perth 2m mdn hdle (4) £5,446 good).
INAPPROPRIATE (11-12) 10-1 midfield, weakened before last, 6th of 8 (btn 31l) to Guet Apens (11-11) (Aintree 2m 1f hcap hdle (4) £3,697 good).
JUST DOTTIE (10-11) 5-1 in rear, ridden 2 out, no response, 7th of 9 (btn 15l) to Follow Charlie (11-1) (Perth 2½m hcap hdle (4) £5,281 good).
ELEMENTAL EYE (11-7) 66-1 midfield, ridden 6th, beaten, 8th of 11 (btn 48l) to Gallivanted (10-9) (Musselburgh 2m mdn hdle (4) £5,446 good to soft).

3.50 AUTO SERVICES MERCEDES BENZ HCAP CHASE (4) winner £7,922; 3m (5 runners)

1 2-1113 **REGAL RENAISSANCE 47 (D)**
J Jones 8-12-0 ..... **Sean Bowen 98**
Runs: 30 Wins: 7 (S,3GS,3G) Places: 7 £73,103
Progressive, failed to land four-timer at Worcester last time, respected

2 4-642P **WASDELL DUNDALK 57 (CD)**
L Harrison 11-11-6 ..... **Callum Bewley 93**
Runs: 52 Wins: 8 (2S,GS,5G) Places: 8 £106,043
Likes it here, but recent form is inconsistent, big chance if back to best

3 248-12 **NO REGRETS 93 (D)**
N Richards 12-11-5 ..... **Danny McMenamin** ●99
Runs: 36 Wins: 6 (2S,GS,3G) Places: 8 £56,692
Veteran in good form who holds strong claims after close Hexham second

4 91-223 **INIS OIRR 57 (CD)**
L Russell & M Scudamore 9-11-2 **Gregor Walkingshaw (10) 97**
Runs: 33 Wins: 3 (2GS,G) Places: 7 £100,561
Dour stayer, jumping can hold him back but not doubting his engine

5 -31165 **SIR CARNEGIE 16 (B;C,D)**
M Bowen 6-10-9 ..... **Brian Hughes 90**
Runs: 23 Wins: 4 (2GS,2G) Places: 3 £27,173
Dual winner in the summer, but two heavy defeats leave major questions

BETTING: 13-8 No Regrets, 2 Regal Renaissance, 5 Inis Oirr, 6 Wasdell Dundalk, 10 Sir Carnegie
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: Easy Bucks 10-10-11, J Bowen 7-2 (M Bowen), 8 ran.

EACH-WAY THIEF

LET'S MINGLE (4.20 Perth) won here two runs ago and is right at home tackling this distance. Have an ew double with EVENING FADES (7.30 Wolverhampton) who has been going close and put in a solid effort at Kempton last time.

TEMPLEGATE	TOM PEPPER
2.20 Dunkerque	2.20 Follow Your Luck
2.50 Cosmos D'ainay	2.50 Puppet Master
3.20 Castleheath	3.20 Pure Gold
3.50 Regal Renaissance	3.50 Wasdell Dundalk
4.20 Annie Agnew	4.20 Bogha Baiste
4.50 C'mon So	4.50 C'mon So

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed course of 1m 2f with tight turns, eight fences per circuit, 283yd run-in. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): G Elliott 43-158, R M Smith 18-207, N Richards 14-115, P Neville 13-87. THIS SEASON: R M Smith 4, P Neville 2, G Elliott 2. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): S Bowen 91-281, B Hughes 48-228, D McMenamin 17-149, J Bowen 15-61. THIS SEASON: S Bowen 6, B Hughes 3, D R Fox 2. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Sir Carnegie (3.50). Round trip of 894 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■JACKPOT: 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

Sunracing FORM

REGAL RENAISSANCE (12-0) 6-1 tracked leaders, not fluent 3 out, kept on one pace, 3rd of 9 (btn 7½l) to Mt Fuji Park (11-11) (Worcester 2m 7f hcap ch (4) £4,700 good).
WASDELL DUNDALK pulled up latest, earlier (12-1) 6-1 midfield, headway to lead 2 out, headed finish, btn 2½l by Button Rock (10-11) (6 ran) (Perth 2½m hcap ch (4) £6,337 good).
SIR CARNEGIE (10-13) 4-1 midfield, headway 2 out, stayed on well run-in, led towards finish, bt **NO REGRETS** (12-0) 13-2 close up, chased leader last, stayed on well, 1¼l (9 ran) (Hexham 3m hcap ch (4) £6,680 good).
INIS OIRR (10-6) 11-2 mid-division, plugged on run-in, never threatened, 3rd of 7 (btn 20l) to Grand Clermont (11-3) **WASDELL DUNDALK** (10-10) 10-1 towards rear, mistake 12th, tailed off and pulled up before 3 out, (Perth 3m hcap ch (3) £7,922 good).
SIR CARNEGIE (12-0) 6-1 held up, not fluent 1st, mistake 14th, outpaced 3 out, 5th of 6 (btn 32l) to My Girl Katie (10-11) (Newton Abbot 3½m cond hcap ch (5) £5,017 good to firm).

4.20 WWW.ASP.SCOT STELLANTIS COMMERCIAL HCAP HURDLE (4) £4,489; 2m 4f (10 run)

1 U-3515 **LETS MINGLE 23 (CD)**
L Russell & M Scudamore 6-12-1 .. **Jack Power (5) 97**
Runs: 14 Wins: 3 (2G) Places: 1 £18,846
Course-and-distance winner in July, not so good since, better expected

2 94-411 **FOLLOW CHARLIE 23 (CD)**
R Smith 7-12-0 ..... **Murray Dodd (5)** ●99
Runs: 32 Wins: 6 (2S,GS,3G) Places: 6 £40,651
Dual course winner seeking a hat-trick despite a further 6lb rise

3 647P-F **SPIT SPOT 57 (C)**
L Russell & M Scudamore 7-11-13 .. **Jack Power (5) 90**
Runs: 19 Wins: 3 (S,GS,G) Places: 5 £25,050
Heavy fall here last time and recent form leaves her difficult to support

4 3-1244 **LOWLANDS 23 (CD)**
N Richards 7-11-11 ..... **Danny McMenamin 96**
Runs: 11 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 4 £14,953
Consistent course-and-distance winner, strong claims back over this trip

5 P334-4 **BOGHA BAISTE 67**
L Quinlan 5-11-10 ..... **Sean Quinlan 98**
Runs: 7 Places: 2 £3,764
Unexposed hcap debutant, may improve significantly for this longer trip

6 5P-402 **ANNIE AGNEW 23**
G Quinn (Ire) 6-11-7 ..... **Mr D McGill (5) 96**
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 Places: 3 £13,708
Latest second gives her solid claims on better terms with Follow Charlie

7 /1-06S **GARRICK PAINTER 12 (C)**
N Kelly (Ire) 6-11-7 ..... **James Bowen 92**
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 4 £4,225
Won here in June, in the mix when slipping up at at Bellewstown latest

8 574546 **KINBARA FIRSTDRAFT 9 (C,D)**
L Kerr 7-11-4 ..... **Derek Fox 86**
Runs: 24 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £19,322
Well treated reverting to hurdles, but recent chase efforts raise concerns

9 41F04- **HAWKSEYE VIEW 149 (BF)**
L Harrison 7-10-8 ..... **Peter Kavanagh 91**
Runs: 25 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 5 £16,436
Returning from a break and must improve on his recent chasing efforts

10 00-665 **TIGRESS LILLY 57**
L Russell & M Scudamore 5-10-6 .. **Patrick Wadge 88**
Runs: 9 £242
Falling in the weights, but recent course form remains difficult to support

BETTING: 2 Follow Charlie, 5-2 Annie Agnew, 7 Bogha Baiste, 8 Lowlands, Lets Mingle, 10 Garrick Painter, 16 Spit Spot
WHERE FAVS FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

4.50 AUTO SERVICES PERTH SALES AND RENTALS HCAP HURDLE (5) £4,489; 3m (8 runners)

1 36-714 **DOWN AROUND 7 (B)**
G Elliott (Ire) 9-12-0 ..... **Sean Bowen 98**
Runs: 31 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 10 £30,244
Recent Ballinrobe winner who remains competitive despite top weight

2 -09056 **MIDNIGHT MOONSHINE 34 (D)**
R Smith 7-12-0 ..... **Ben Smith (7) 90**
Runs: 23 Wins: 2 (GS) Places: 5 £15,216
Reverting to hurdles with a claimer taking off 7lb, looks decent value

3 1P/5-5 **SAUCE OF LIFE 86**
N Richards 11-11-10 ..... **Danny McMenamin 88**
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (2GS,G) Places: 1 £16,417
Veteran who could improve for his return, consistency remains a concern

4 -73117 **DALILEO 23 (CD)**
L Harrison 11-11-9 ..... **Peter Kavanagh 94**
Runs: 63 Wins: 6 (F,5G) Places: 15 £57,163
Dual course-and-distance winner, must rebound from a lesser effort latest

5 45-782 **THEIRSHEGOES 54**
A Thomson 9-10-13 ..... **Joshua Thompson (5)** ●99
Runs: 28 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 5 £17,922
Encouraging runner-up at Uttoxeter, strong claims under a useful claimer

6 412P68 **LE GRAND VERT 10**
N Kelly (Ire) 10-10-9 ..... **Sean Quinlan 93**
Runs: 51 Wins: 5 (4S) Places: 13 £80,287
Better chaser than hurdler, but he does get to race off a lower mark

7 696-64 **C'MON SO 67**
L Russell & M Scudamore 5-10-2 ..... **Derek Fox 91**
Runs: 10 Places: 1 £738
Lightly-raced hcapper, could progress after course-and-distance fourth

8 6-P9PP **BURGUNDY MAN 23**
R Smith 9-10-2 ..... **Toby Wynne 79**
Runs: 27 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 8 £20,137
Course winner, but repeated poor efforts make him difficult to support

BETTING: 2 Theirshegoes, 9-4 Down Around, 4 Dalileo, 7 C'mon So
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6 1
2025: Spit Spot 6-11-12, P Wadge 9-4F (L Russell & M Scudamore), 8 ran.

NEWTON ABBOT

TEMPLEGATE	TOM PEPPER
2.00 Timely Salute	2.00 Moment Of Light (nb)
2.30 Crystal Mariner	2.30 Explode
3.00 Juggernaut	3.00 Most Wanted
3.30 Jager Time (nb)	3.30 Alberts Bay
4.00 Edelak	4.00 Ellerton
4.30 Mr Mcwhinny	4.30 Jetty May
5.02 Devon Red	5.02 Captain Connor

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed flat, tight track of 1m, seven fences per circuit and a run-in of 300 yards. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): P Nicholls 50-162, D Skelton 34-102, J Tizzard 34-176, D Pipe 23-136. THIS SEASON: D Skelton 12, P Nicholls 9, A Honeyball 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): H Cobden 34-127, S Twiston-Davies 30-122, H Skelton 27-73, B J Powell 23-153. THIS SEASON: H Skelton 12, S Twiston-Davies 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Zooter (2.00) trip of 496 miles. ■JOB JOCKEY: B Jones rides Ghost Jury (5.02) for K Woollacott, 3 from 7, 43%. H Cobden rides Explode (2.30) for F Bramley, 11 from 31, 35%. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

2.00 SKY SPORTS RACING JUVENILE HURDLE (Class 4); 3-y-o; winner £5,281; 2m 1f. (7 runners)

1 31 **HELLO GARDA 43** J Hanlon (Ire) 11-7 ..... **Paddy Hanlon (5) 97**
2 1 **TIMELY SALUTE 50 (H;CD)** M Comley 11-7 ..... **Freddie Mitchell (3)** ●99
3 **JERSEYGEORDIE F87** H Derham 11-0 ..... **Paul O'Brien —**
4 **MOMENT OF LIGHT F107 (T★)** D Skelton 11-0 ..... **Harry Skelton —**
5 P5 **NICOLAI 10** N Mulholland 11-0 ..... **Bradley Harris (3) 86**
6 **RAJBELLO F9** F O'Brien 11-0 ..... **Liam Harrison —**
7 4 **ZOOTER F27 (P★)** J Jones 11-0 ..... **Sam Twiston-Davies 91**

BETTING: 7-4 Moment Of Light, 9-4 Timely Salute, 5-2 Hello Garda, 12 Jerseygeordie, 14 Rajbello, 20 Zooter, 100 Nicolai
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1
2025: Lord 11-7 Sean Bowen 4-7 Fav (O Murphy), 6 ran.

2.30 RACE AGAINST WASTE MAIDEN HURDLE (4); value to the winner £5,446; 2m 1f. (6 runners)

1 2 **CRYSTAL MARINER 28** J Hanlon (Ire) 6-11-4 ..... **Paddy Hanlon (5)** ●99
2 5 **HAPPY CHANDLER 47 (H★)** M Blake 5-11-4 ..... **Harry Reed 86**
3 3-422 **CRACKALACKIN 23** R Newland 4-11-2 ..... **Luke Scott (3) 97**
4 442- **EXPLODE F17** F Bramley 4-11-2 ..... **Harry Cobden 98**
5 **JOHN GALT F64 (T★)** F O'Brien 4-11-2 ..... **Liam Harrison —**
6 **PAY ATTENTION F49 (T★)** S Bradstock 4-11-2 ..... **Jack Tudor —**

BETTING: 13-8 Crystal Mariner, 9-4 Crackalackin, 5-2 Explode, 10 John Galt, 25 Happy Chandler, 33 Pay Attention
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

3.00 ST. AUSTELL BREWERY HANDICAP CHASE (4); value to the winner £5,809; 2m. (5 runners)

1 R1761-5 **MELTON MOSSY 108 (D)** Mrs C Williams 7-12-0 ..... **Adam Wedge 93**
2 23-7111 **SAINT POLO 10** J Candlish 6-11-9 ..... **Luke Scott (3)** ●99
3 322-343 **JUGGERNAUT 13 (B★)** A Honeyball 7-11-2 ..... **Chad Bament (5) 98**
4 P9-1372 **MOST WANTED 11 (V★;D)** D Bridgwater 8-10-6 ..... **Brendan Powell 95**
5 -343222 **MISS DENVER 23** N & W Twiston-Davies 6-10-5 ..... **Sam Twiston-Davies 97**

BETTING: 11-8 Saint Polo, 10-3 Juggernaut, 9-2 Miss Denver, 11-2 Most Wanted, 10 Melton Mossy
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2
2025: Jaitroplaclasse 6-11-3 Charlie Price 3-1 (R L Llewellyn), 4 ran.

3.30 DEVONPORT ROYAL DOCKYARD SOCIAL CLUB HCAP HURDLE (4); £5,281; 3m 2f 105yds. (7 runners)

1 21-4321 **JAGER TIME 50 (CD)** F O'Brien 7-12-0 ..... **Fern O'Brien (5)** ●99
2 34-901U **FAIRLAWN SKIPPER 7** M Bowen 6-11-13 ..... **Shane Fenelon (5) 95**
3 1133-P3 **MASTERDREAM F17** N Mulholland 9-11-6 ..... **Conor O'Farrell 90**
4 213-111 **MY GIRL KATIE 11 (CD)** G Harris 9-11-1 ..... **Alix Balfe (7) 98**
5 4P/0-38 **BASHFUL BOY 47 (B;C)** D Pipe 10-10-8 ..... **Jack Tudor 88**
6 446-U61 **HENRY BOX BROWN 53** Mrs C Williams 9-10-3 ..... **Adam Wedge 97**
7 F37/363 **ALBERTS BAY 11** J Du Plessis 9-10-2 ..... **James Best 93**

BETTING: 5-2 Jager Time, 11-4 My Girl Katie, 10-3 Henry Box Brown, 5 Fairlawn Skipper, 8 Alberts Bay, 14 Masterdream, 33 Bashful Boy
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: Hostile Hotelier 7-12-1 Sean Quinlan 3-1 (J Candlish), 6 ran.

4.00 PAR INN HANDICAP HURDLE (3) value to the winner £7,922; 2m 1f (4 runners)

1 2111F1 **EDELAK 50**
D Skelton 4-12-0 ..... **Harry Skelton** ●99
Runs: 7 Wins: 4 (2F,2G) Places: 1 £30,211
Rapid improver, won four out of last five, sets a strong standard

2 4U439F **WAR CORRESPONDENT 7 (B)**
J Hanlon (Ire) 7-11-9 ..... **Paddy Hanlon (5) 90**
Runs: 28 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 5 £33,642
Well beaten when falling over fences latest, watching brief advised

3 P1-121 **ARCTIC VOYAGE 66 (CD)**
M Blake 4-11-6 ..... **Harry Reed 97**
Runs: 9 Wins: 3 (3G) Places: 2 £26,095
Easy win over course-and-distance last time holds leading claims

4 6-12P1 **ELLERTON 11 (CD)**
J Tizzard 6-10-12 ..... **Brendan Powell 95**
Runs: 16 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 4 £25,676
Recent course winner, only a lb higher but this is a tougher task

BETTING: 2 Edelak, 3 Arctic Voyage, 4 Ellerton, 12 War Correspondent
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2-4
2025: Inside Man 5-11-6, C Gethings 6-1 (Mrs J Williams), 5 ran.

4.30 GRANDAD SAWLES HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY CONDS HANDICAP CHASE (5); £5,017; 2m 5f. (5 runners)

1 F905240 **MY CULLEN 7** J Hanlon (Ire) 6-12-0 ..... **Freddie Keighley 90**
2 5601-4P **JETTY MAY 76 (BF)** P Nicholls 6-11-11 ..... **Paddy Hanlon (3) 92**
3 2233-UP **HATOS 76** J Tizzard 9-11-6 ..... **Callum Pritchard 85**
4 57-1414 **MR MCWHINNY 19 (BF)** T Ellis 8-11-4 ..... **Finn Lambert 98**
5 P97-542 **MCGREGORS CHARGE 23 (BF)** P Gundry 8-11-2 **Jack Stenhouse (5)** ●99

BETTING: 5-4 McGregors Charge, 13-8 Mr Mcwhinny, 13-2 Jetty May, 10 My Cullen, 16 Hatos
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 3
2025: Just A Memory 6-12-0 Jack Andrews 3-1 (T Ellis), 4 ran.

5.02 SUN RACING SUMMER JUMPS CHAMPIONSHIP NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5); £3,961; 2m 6f. (8 runners)

1 5-88072 **MOTHER SHIP 19** J Hanlon (Ire) 6-11-12 ..... **Paddy Hanlon (5)** ●99
2 **5909/42 DEVON RED 16** N Schofield 7-11-12 ..... **Jack Quinlan 97**
3 /6-3327 **OCEAN HEIGHTS 15** D Pipe 9-11-9 ..... **Jack Tudor 98**
4 5774 **MYSTIC WIND 50 (H)** D Skelton 4-11-8 ..... **Harry Skelton 96**
5 -513166 **MAKINBECON 10 (C)** B Murphy (Ire) 6-11-8 ..... **Callum Pritchard 92**
6 0/7P- **GILDED GLANCE 146** J Williams 6-11-7 ..... **Ciaran Gethings 83**
7 48P-782 **CAPTAIN CONNOR 13** C Ellam 4-11-4 ..... **Brendan Powell 90**
8 4-12526 **GHOST JURY 19** K Woollacott 7-10-13 ..... **Ben Jones 94**

BETTING: 5-4 Mother Ship, 10-3 Devon Red, 7 Captain Connor, 8 Ocean Heights, Ghost Jury, 12 Mystic Wind, 20 Makinbecon, 33 Gilded Glance
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

WINDS

2.12 MATCHBOOK SIGNUP APPREN value to the winner £4,397;

1 (7) **662**1377 **DISTANT RUMBLE 46 (CD)** R Teal 4-9
2 (13) 5420564 **GOOD EARTH 10 (D)** M Herrington 9-
3 (14) 1-77527 **JIMMY KNOCKER 38 (D)** A Brown 5-9
4 (9) 6334593 **COME ON EIBHLIN 27 (B;CD)** D Cun
5 (1) 655815- **NOELIES DREAM 269** D Cunha 3-9-10
6 (15) 7021167 **PUNCHBOWL FLYER 23 (B;CD)** J O
7 (5) 09-3275 **MONSIEUR PATAT 34 (CD)** A Wintle
8 (10) 7878116 **ARNAZ 15 (BF,D)** M Loughnane 5-9-8
9 (11) 7738038 **REBEL PATH 24 (V;D)** S Williams 7-9-
10 (4) 8530-46 **RORY'S ROYALE 191 (V★)** S Hodgso
11 (3) 647-062 **HAVANA HALO 35** D F Davis 4-9-6
12 (6) 1-47075 **ZOULU WARRIOR 20 (D)** H Main 4-9-
13 (2) 5327322 **LAHINA BAY 6 (CD)** R Cook & J Bridg
14 (8) 0674612 **YES WALIIM 21 (P★)** R Hughes 3-8-13
15 (12) 8032533 **STOCK MARKET 23 (B)** A Carroll 3-8-

BETTING: 9-2 Yes Waliim, 11-2 Come On Eibhlin, 6 Market, 12 Rebel Path, Noelies Dream, Good Earth
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No c

2.42 HAMISH JOHNSON MEMORIAL NOVICE STAKES (5); 2-y-o; £4

1 (15) 1 **POLYXENA 49 (CD)** S Williams 9-6
2 (1) 8 **LUCKY ORLA 134** P Owens 9-2
3 (10) 74 **MISS TANGO 49** R Hughes 9-2
4 (3) 65 **NONREM 24 (T★)** B Meehan 9-2
5 (14) 4 **PLASTIC DREAM 18 (T★)** C Dwyer 9-
6 (8) 7 **SEA ANGIE RUN 31** T Clover 9-2
7 (11) 434 **SEQUEL STAR 24** E Walker 9-2
8 (2) **CATALISTIC** B Millman 8-13
9 (5) **CRANBERRY BREEZE** J Keane 8-13
10 (9) 6 **DECEM CAROLINAE 73** J Jones 8-13
11 (4) 638 **SANTO 49** E J-Houghton 8-13
12 (6) 7 **HIGHLAND GREY 34** R Teal 8-10
13 (7) 9 **PENT UP CHARM 17** M Madgwick 8-1
14 (12) 32 **ROMOTOSO 20 (BF)** W Knight 8-10
15 (13) 2 **THAI BAHT 13** O Burrows 8-10

BETTING: 11-4 Romotoso, 5 Miss Tango, 11-2 Polyxe Plastic Dream, 12 Santo, Decem Carolinae
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No c

3.12 MATCHBOOK BETTING EXCHA RACING NURSERY (6); 2-y-o;

1 (7) 850 **BLUE SKIES ABOVE 90** O Cole 9-9
2 (4) 723204 **PAST PASSION 20** J Portman 9-8
3 (5) 776040 **FROM ME TO YOU 9 (B)** R Hannon 9-
4 (9) 653190 **TALLAHASSEE LASSIE 16** J Fanshaw
5 (1) 646 **WOPBOPALOOMOP 114** R Spencer
6 (2) 340 **LOLA 21** T Ward 9-4
7 (11) 822698 **DREAM ON KENT 19 (B★)** P Evans 9-
8 (10) 5837 **MARRALYN 44** O Sangster 9-3
9 (6) 7990 **COURAGE BEST 51** B Millman 9-1
10 (8) 5784 **HAVANANOTHER 45 (P★)** R Hughes
11 (12) 887 **ALPHA LEGEND 83 (P★)** M Botti 9-0
12 (3) 655 **CRUISE ON BYE 15** M Attwater 8-12
13 (14) 86625 **SO TEMPTING 21 (V★)** T Ward 8-10
14 (13) 7063642 **DEVON ANGEL 7** B Millman 8-4
15 (15) 0600 **PURPLE DREAM 9 (B★)** T Ward 8-3

BETTING: 15-8 Devon Angel, 4 Havananother, 7 So Me To You, 14 Tallahassee Lassie, Blue Skies Above
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No c

3.42 FOLLOW MATCHBOOK winner £5,653; 1m

1 859406 **GREAT CHIEF**
(3) O Cole 5-10-2
Runs: 22 Wins: 5 (2F,3G)
Falling in the weights, but recent effort

2 33-133 **ASCENDING S**
(5) O Burrows 3-9-11
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (G)
Consistent, ran with credit last twice at

3 -71035 **DOVEY MOON**
(2) P Evans 4-9-11
Runs: 20 Wins: 4 (4G)
Salisbury winner who remains well trea

4 **31-37 BURDETT EST**
(4) B Toomey 3-9-10
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A)
Gelded after a heavy defeat over 5f, nov

5 731230 **GET OUTTA H**
(7) D Menuisier 3-9-10
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (F)
Progressive before Goodwood disapp

6 524293 **LUZON HEIGH**
(9) W Knight 3-9-10
Runs: 12 Wins: 1 (A)
Consistent miler with leading claims a

7 7-6582 **MYSTIC MOM**
(1) N Mulholland 3-9-8
Runs: 12 Wins: 1 (G)
Improved when runner-up at Epsom, c

8 554456 **GOLDEN CIRC**
(8) J & S Best 6-9-4
Runs: 23 Wins: 3 (F,2G)
Falling in the weights, but dropping to

9 865311 **ECCLEFECHA**
(6) J Ryan 3-8-12
Runs: 17 Wins: 2 (F,GS)
Progressive, powerful win at Yarmouth

BETTING: 9-4 Ecclefechan, 4 Ascendi 6 Mystic Moment, 7 Get Outta Here, 14 Do
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2
2025: Desperate Dan 4-10-2, N Callan 9-2

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GREAT CHIEFTAIN (9-13) 13-2 with leaders, outpaced halfway, kept on one pace inside final 110yds, 6th of 8 (btn 8l) to Colourband (9-8) (Windsor 1m hcap (4) £5,566 good to firm).
ASCENDING STAR (9-5) 7-4 jt fav midfield, effort 1f out, went 3rd final furlong, stayed on, 3rd of 6 (btn 3½l) to Desert Shadow (10-2) (Sandown 7f hcap (4) £8,019 good to firm).
DOVEY MOON (9-7) 8-1 prominent, outpaced final furlong, dropped to rear inside final 110yds, 5th of 6 (btn 6½l) to Silca Bay (9-0) (Newmarket 1m hcap (4) £6,442 good to firm).
BURDETT ESTATE (9-9) 11-2 midfield, no impression 1f out, 7th of 8 (well btn) to Noble Vow (9-4) (Haydock 5f hcap (4) £6,281 good to soft).
GET OUTTA HERE (8-12) 11-2 front rank, pushed along 2f out, weakened

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GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM)

TICE HANDICAP (Class 5); 6f. (15 runners)

12 ..... Owen Lewis (5) 92
9-12 ..... Connor Planas 97
9-11 ..... Kyle McHugh (5) 91
a 3-9-10 ..... Jack Callan 96
..... Christian Howarth 93
Shea 9-9-9 ..... Alexandra Egan (5) 94
9-9-8 ..... Ashley Lewis 89
..... Hope Regan (7) 92
7 ..... Olivia Haines (5) 93
n 4-9-7 ..... Charlie Tucker (7) 86
..... Ben Ffrench-Davis (3) 95
5 ..... Mason Paetel 89
er 6-9-1 ..... non-runner 98
..... Oliver Hoodless (7) ●99
13 ..... Myla Coppins (5) 97
avana Halo, 15-2 Arnaz, 10 Stock

orresponding race.

EBF FILLIES' RESTRICTED 4,320; 6f. (15 runners)

..... Marco Ghiani 97
..... Benoit Sayette 72
..... Finley Marsh 97
..... Jason Watson 90
2 ..... Silvestre De Sousa 84
..... David Egan 79
..... Tom Marquand 97
..... Darragh Keenan —
..... Ray Dawson —
..... Rossa Ryan 90
..... Charles Bishop 92
..... Jack Mitchell 77
0 ..... Isobelle Chalmers (7) 71
..... Oisin Murphy ●99
..... Saffie Osborne 98
ena, Thai Baht, 7 Sequel Star, 10

orresponding race.

ANGE SUPPORTING UK £3,768; 6f.(15 runners)

..... Tom Marquand 95
..... Jason Watson 92
8 ..... Joe Leavy 87
ve 9-7 ..... Rossa Ryan 93
9-5 ..... Saffie Osborne 97
..... Jack Callan 96
3 ..... Pat Dobbs 88
..... Stevie Donohoe 93
..... Oisin Murphy 86
9-0 ..... Finley Marsh 96
..... Marco Ghiani 80
..... Paddy Bradley 91
..... Ashley Lewis (3) 97
..... Connor Planas ●99
..... Kieran O'Neill 85
Tempting, Past Passion, 12 From
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orresponding race.

ON X HANDICAP (4) (9 runners)

TAIN 25 (B;D)
. . . Tom Marquand 95
Places: 4 £79,599
ts leave him difficult to support

STAR 32 (BF,D)
. Callum Rodriguez ●99
Places: 2 £13,178
t Sandown, holds strong claims

N 51 (D)
. . . . . Pat Dobbs 91
Places: 1 £39,394
ated despite mixed efforts since

TATE 107
. . . . . Jack Callan 82
£5,680
w faces major stamina questions

ERE 39 (D)
. . . . Saffie Osborne 95
Places: 3 £12,531
ointment, capable of better

TS 19 (D)
. . . . . Marco Ghiani 93
Places: 5 £19,443
fter a close third at Kempton

ENT 24
. . . Ashley Lewis (3) 95
Places: 4 £46,321
ompetitive under top apprentice

CET 10
. . . . . Finley Marsh 90
Places: 3 £26,046
a mile raises big questions

N 8 (CD)
. . . . . Jack Mitchell 98
Places: 1 £21,505
latest, 6lb rise more than fair

ng Star, 5 Luvon Heights, ey Moon, Golden Circet

2 (P C-Hyam), drw 9, 9 ran.

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furlong, 18th of 19 (btn 8¼l) to sive Code (9-9) (Goodwood 1m (3) £25,770 good to firm).
HEIGHTS (9-4) 13-2 towards headway 1f out, ran on well final s, took 3rd towards finish, 3rd (btn ¼l) to Starlight Time (9-7) pton 1m hcap (4) £6,281 AW).
C MOMENT (9-1) 25-1 held up, n well and took 2nd inside final s, no extra towards finish, btn y Loblolly (9-6) (4 ran) (Epsom cap (4) £6,019 good to firm).
EN CIRCET (9-6) 33-1 held up, r a factor, 6th of 8 (btn 5¼l) to reign View (9-10) (Sandown hcap (4) £6,019 good).
FECHAN (10-0) 9-4 fav held up, way 2f out, led 1f out, went clear, zza (10-2) 2½l (5 ran) (Yarmouth p hcap (6) £3,768 good to soft).

TEMPLEGATE	TOM PEPPER
2.12 ..... Arnaz	2.12 ..... Havana Halo
2.42 ..... Thai Baht	2.42 ..... Plastic Dream
3.12. PAST PASSION (nap)	3.12 ..... So Tempting
3.42 ..... Ecclefechan	3.42 ..... Get Outta Here
4.15 ..... Raaheeb	4.15 ..... ON MESSAGE (nap)
4.45 .... Without Prejudice	4.45 ..... Aura Champagne
5.15 ..... Roman Spring	5.15 ..... Call Time

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Past Passion (Windsor) and Jager Time (double, Newton Abbot) with Thai Baht (Windsor).
TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: On Message (Windsor) and Moment Of Light (Newton Abbot).
SUNRATINGS' NAP: ASCENDING STAR (3.42 Windsor).
THE JUDGE: MY MATE MACKLEY (5.15 Windsor).

■TIC-TAC: Figure-of-eight course of 1m 4f, straight final 5f, 6f races start on an extension to the straight. ■DRAW: High numbers hold a slight advantage in sprints. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): A Carroll 31-231, J & T Gosden 25-79, A Balding 24-150, R Hannon 23-222. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 11, A Balding 5, D Cunha 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): O Murphy 59-240, T Marquand 48-330, R Ryan 47-263, W Buick 25-103. THIS SEASON: O Murphy 14, R Ryan 11, J Mitchell 8. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Good Earth (2.12) trained at Willoughton. Round trip of 350 miles. ■JOB JOCKEY: C Rodriguez rides Ascending Star (3.42) for O Burrows, 23 from 77, 30%. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Burdett Estate (3.42). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

4.15 WEATHERBYS WINTER HILL STAKES (GRP 3) 3-Y-O; winner £53,874; 1m 2f (7 runners)

1 224015 VENETIAN PRINCE 80
(5) A Balding 9-7 ..... Jason Watson 96
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (F,S) Places: 1 £52,285
Won Italy Derby, but tailed off in King Edward at Royal Ascot. can do better

2 1-14 RAAHEEB 71 (D)
(3) O Burrows 9-5 ..... Rossa Ryan ●99
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (S,G) £116,327
Won Classic Trial at Sandown, not disgraced in Irish Derby, hard to beat

3 -13021 CREST OF FIRE 37
(6) J Channon 9-2 ..... Tom Marquand 93
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (F,A) Places: 5 £68,012
Progressive, won hot hcap at Goodwood, up in class but respected

4 51185 HARMONICS 39 (H★;D)
(7) J & T Gosden 9-2 ..... Shane Foley 90
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (F,A) £14,258
Lightly raced, unlucky not to finish closer at Goodwood, more needed

5 1-145 MAHO BAY 81 (D)
(4) C Appleby 9-2 ..... William Buick 97
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (A,G) £24,232
Talented, fair effort in a Group 3 at Royal Ascot, one to watch closely

6 121-37 MORRIS DANCER 60 (BF)
(1) J & T Gosden 9-2 ..... Robert Havlin 94
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £86,332
Useful, fair Royal Ascot effort but flopped at Newmarket latest, risky

7 -13741 ON MESSAGE 26 (D)
(2) R Beckett 8-13 ..... Saffie Osborne 95
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (F,A,G) Places: 1 £61,727
Career best in a Listed race at Salisbury, runner-up has franked form since

BETTING: 15-8 Raaheeb, 4 Maho Bay, 9-2 Morris Dancer, 5 Venetian Prince, 13-2 On Message, 10 Crest of Fire, Harmonics
WHERE FAVS FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

Sunracing FORM

VENETIAN PRINCE (9-2) 33-1 held up in rear, ridden over 3f out, soon weakened, eased over 1f out, last of 5 (well btn to Causeway (9-2) (Ascot 1f/m Grp 2 (1) £141,775 good to firm).
RAHEEB (9-2) 11-4 mid-division, headway 4f out, went 3rd 2f out, 4th 1 1/2f out, one pace, 4th of 8 (btn 8l) to Benvenuto Cellini (9-2) (Curragh 1f/m Grp 1 (1) €725,001 good).
CREST OF FIRE (9-6) 10-3 jt fav chased leaders, going well but not clear run repeatedly 2f out, good headway when in clear final furlong, kept on well to lead final 75yds, did well in the circumstances, bt Boyfriend (9-10) nk (15 ran) (Goodwood 1m 1f hcap (3) £25,770 good to firm).
HARMONICS (9-6) 9-2 keen, close up, shaken up and not clear run 2f out, switched left 1f out, keeping on when hampered inside final furlong, not recover, 5th of 14 (btn 2l) to Ciarrai Abu (8-9) (Goodwood 1f/m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).
MAHO BAY (9-2) 6-1 midfield, not clear run and hampered 1f out, kept on, 5th of 10 (1½l) to Generic (9-2) (Ascot 1f/m Grp 3 (1) £99,242 good to firm).
MORRIS DANCER (9-5) 9-4 fav led near-side group, lost position over 1f out, soon weakened, last of 7 (btn 8l) to Shayem (9-5) (Newmarket 1m Listed (1) £34,026 good to firm).
ON MESSAGE (8-10) 14-1 made all, pushed along 2f out, drifted right final 110yds but stayed on well, never seriously challenged, bt Miss Scott (8-10) 1l (7 ran) (Salisbury 1f/m Listed (1) £39,697 good to firm).

4.45 G J COLAIRO DIAMOND FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (3); value to the winner £6,480; 1m 2f. (8 runners)

1 (4) 1 **WITHOUT PREJUDICE 38 (D)** J & T Gosden 3-9-9 ..... William Buick ●99
2 (8) 00 **LISSAHANE LASS 130 (P★)** S Hodgson 4-9-8 ..... William Carver 70
3 (7) **SISTER CECILIA J194** H Morrison 4-9-8 ..... Oisin Murphy —
4 (2) 074 **STOPHERANDGO 17** D Flood 9-9-8 ..... Kieren Fox 72
5 (6) 73 **ASTRID 20** J Horton 3-9-2 ..... Robert Havlin 87
6 (1) 3-33 **AURA CHAMPAGNE 35** R Hannon 3-9-2 ..... Pat Dobbs 96
7 (5) **SAAFFYA** E Walker 3-9-2 ..... George Downing —
8 (3) **YAMNAH (P★)** J & T Gosden 3-9-2 ..... Tom Marquand —

BETTING: 1-2 Without Prejudice, 9-4 Yamnah, 9-2 Aura Champagne, 8 Saaffya, 20 Astrid, 50 Sister Cecilia, 150 Stopherandgo, 200 Lissahane Lass
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

5.15 BET 20 POUND GET 40 FREE BETS AT MATCHBOOK.COM HANDICAP (6); winner £3,768; 5f. (12 runners)

1 (9) 2242132 **MY MATE MACKLEY 6 (D)** A Kirby 3-9-9 ..... Charles Bishop ●99
2 (11) 2102254 **DREAMBIRD DOLLY 16 (B;D)** J Gallagher 4-9-9 ..... Rossa Ryan 96
3 (6) 5901320 **WASHINGTON HEIR 15 (D)** A Carroll 4-9-8 ..... Silvestre De Sousa 97
4 (12) 47734/0 **LETHAL BLAST 124 (CD)** A Irvine 9-9-6 ..... Rhys Clutterbuck 75
5 (2) 3625385 **CABEZA DE LLAVE 48 (CD)** M Attwater 7-9-6 ..... Paddy Bradley 91
6 (10) 5-07635 **CALL TIME 5 (BF,D)** J Moore 5-9-6 ..... Pat Dobbs 96
7 (5) 4-60760 **REPORTER 21 (CD)** S Hodgson 4-9-3 ..... William Carver 84
8 (3) 7304542 **ROMAN SPRING 16 (D)** R Cook & J Bridger 6-9-3 ..... Kieran O'Neill 97
9 (8) 3-06140 **BATED BREEZE 15** G & J Moore 5-9-3 ..... David Egan 94
10 (1) -0060B8 **PACIFIC PRINCE 7** J Bennett 5-9-1 ..... Laura Coughlan (3) 81
11 (7) 6476-66 **BAMA LAMA 66 (CD)** B Millman 8-9-1 ..... Kieren Fox 84
12 (4) 7909076 **TILSWORTH ONY TA 63 (T★;CD)** J Jenkins 7-9-1 ..... Jonny Peate 78

BETTING: 15-8 My Mate Mackley, 4 Roman Spring, 7 Dreambird Dolly, Call Time, 15-2 Washington Heir, 10 Bama Lama, 12 Bated Breeze, Cabeza De Llave
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

PROBETS

HORSES FOR COURSES: FOLLOW CHARLIE (4.20 Perth) has won his past two starts at the Scottish track.
SUPER SPEED: ROXA LOVE (4.57 Wolverhampton) clocked a fast time when winning at Brighton on just her second start.
GAMBLED ON: LAST VERSE (6.30 Wolverhampton) was a big market mover before winning at Lingfield last time out.

RACING RESULTS ROUND-UP

■JACK MITCHELL enjoyed the first Group 1 win of his career when Saddadd stayed on to best to win the Grosser Preis von Baden in Germany. Mitchell said: "I'm speechless! I can't believe we've done it."

LONGCHAMP

2.50: 1 FRIENDLY SOUL J Doyle (4-1); **2 Pink Panthera** (10-1); **3 Sunly** (7-2). 13 ran (Sparan Nua 5-2 fav). 3/4l; nk. J & T Gosden.
3.25: 1 ERDENALI M Barzalona (15-2); **2 Ten Bob Tony** (10-1); **3 Gstaad** (8-11 fav). 7 ran. 1¼l; 3l. F Graffard.
4.00: 1 VARANDIR M Barzalona (4-1); **2 Alam** (11-1); **3 Pearled Majesty** (18-1). 7 ran (Benvenuto Cellini 4-6 fav). 1¼l; 1l. F Graffard.
4.35: 1 DARYZ M Barzalona (9-2); **2 Bay City Roller** (11-44); **3 Uthred** (80-1). 4 ran. 1¾l; 3½l. F Graffard.

FONTWELL

2.20: 1 ROYAL RHYTHM B Macey (3-1); **2 Clever Relation** (7-2); **3 Atreides** (11-4 fav). 6 ran. 1½l; nk. J & A O'Neill. T: £4; £2, £2.10. Ex: £12.40. Trifecta: £44.60. CF: £14.23.
2.55: 1 MOAB B J Powell (evens fav); **2 Novelista** (7-2); **3 Coastal Command** (13-2). 5 ran. ½l; 17l. Miss H Knight. T: £2; £1.10, £2.30. Ex: £5.50. Trifecta: £19.70. CF: £5.05.
3.30: 1 OF CORSE I CAN B Harris (3-1); **2 Frankie Faulkner** (9-2); **3 Gata Ban** (7-4 fav). 6 ran. 1l; 1l. N Mulholland. T: £4; £1.90, £2.40. Ex: £15.60. Trifecta: £47.80. CF: £16.70.
4.05: 1 MOTAZZEN B J Powell (15-2); **2 So Proud** (4-1); **3 No More Bolero** (6-4 fav). 5 ran. 2l; 3½l. Miss H Knight. T: £8.50; £2.70, £1.70. Ex: £38.90. Trifecta: £67.70. CF: £35.32.
4.40: 1 MIDNIGHT JEWEL J Bowen (4-7 fav); **2 Martin's Denuo** (5-2); **3 Imperial Bede** (6-1). 3 ran. 1½l; 67l. C Longsdon. T: £1.58; Ex: £2.10. Trifecta: £1.80. CF: £2.33. NR: Jiair Madrik.
5.15: 1 MILLIEDRAM Isabelle Ryder (8-1); **2 Silver Whisper** (7-2); **3 Uptoyourselves** (1-2 fav). 5 ran. 3¾l; nk. F Brennan. T: £9; £2.30, £1.50. Ex: £33.30. Trifecta: £40.20. CF: £36.17. NR: Delulu, Lady Chauntee.
P/POT: £91.90 **Q/POT:** £34.90

YORK

1.30: 1 MEZZO FORTE C Fallon (10-3); **2 Bayraktar** (9-2); **3 Scenic Route** (9-2). 11 ran (Izuba 11-8 fav). 2¼l; 1¼l. W Haggas. T: £4.34; £1.50, £1.80. Ex: £20.20. Tf: £110.90. CF: £19.10.
2.05: 1 ORIENTAL PRINCE P Mulrennan (10-1); **2 Maharajas Express** (28-1); **3 Explosive Finnish** (5-1); **4 Tanjen** (20-1). 21 ran (Havana Rum 4-1 fav). ½l; 1l; ¾l. J Goldie. T: £12.90; £1.80, £5.60, £3.20, £6.70. Ex: £582. Tc: £1640.51. Tf: £5827.10. CF: £289.97. NR: Ventura Express.
2.40: 1 MOON CHIME C Hutchinson (7-2); **2 High Fibre** (7-4 fav); **3 Pinatique** (22-1). 12 ran. 1¾l; ¾l. D Killahena & G McPherson. T: £4.50; £1.80, £1.40, £5.90. Ex: £13.70. Tricast: £121.44. Trifecta: £226.50. CF: £10.38. NR: Gibside.
3.15: 1 STONEACRE DONNY D Fentiman (7-1); **2 Pearl River** (11-1); **3 Castle Stuart** (7-2 fav). 15 ran. 1½l; 1¼l. T Easterby. T: £8; £2.60, £4.10, £2.30. Ex: £86.90. Tc: £329.75. Tf: £470.50. CF: £84.85. NR: Besieged, Noble Horizon.
3.50: 1 EXTREMELY ZAIN C Fallon (9-2); **2 Double Rush** (6-5 fav); **3 Dickensian** (40-1). 9 ran. ½l; ¾l. W Haggas. T: £5.50; £1.60, £1.20, £5.40. Ex: £12.90. Trifecta: £201.70. CF: £10.31.
4.25: 1 POWER FIZZ C Fallon (10-1); **2 Quest For Fun** (16-1); **3 Mr Noble** (7-4 fav). 15 ran. nk; nk. W Haggas. T: £12.30; £3.50, £4, £1.50. Ex: £153.80. Tc: £430.64. Tf: £899.80. CF: £159.69.
5.00: 1 INSPIRED Toby Moore (2-1 fav); **2 Canvas** (20-1); **3 Melvin Udall** (50-1); **4 Be Frank** (40-1). 19 ran. 1¾l; 2½l; nk. K R Burke. T: £3; £1.40, £5.20, £15.10, £7.20. Ex: £52.40. Tricast: £1735.08. Trifecta: £2949.70. CF: £54.24.
JACKPOT: Not won, pool of £1,931.53 c/o.
P/POT: £94.40 **Q/POT:** £8.90

FRIENDLY SOUL

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and took James to the front there, but she didn't get an easy lead at all – she was never really able to get a breather.

"She's a talented filly and very tough too. It's great to have her back to her best."

With the brilliant Bow Echo now retired, Gstaad was expected to make the most of his old rival's absence in the Prix du Moulin, but he failed to fire and could only stay on for third behind the impressive winner Erdenali.

The winner, always well regarded by trainer Francis Graffard, smashed the track record with a sizzling turn of foot to hold off Ten Bob Tony in second.

And the day kept getting better for France's No1 trainer with Varandir earning a 12-1 quote for the Arc next month after a very smooth win in the Prix Niel.

Irish Derby winner Benvenuto Cellini capped off a miserable day for Ryan Moore and Aidan O'Brien as he could only finish fifth.

ARC ODDS, Paddy Power bet: 9-4 Daryz, 5 Maltese Cross, 7 Kalpana, 12 Item, Thundering On, Varandir, 16 Diamond Necklace

Last year's Arc hero Daryz enjoyed the perfect prep for the big race as he barely came off the bridle to win the Prix Foy.

Graffard said: "It's the perfect prep for the Arc. I left plenty on him, so he should be spot-on for four weeks' time.

"Erdenali was really impressive breaking the track record. What I want to do is take him to the Breeders' Cup Mile, so we'll work out the best way to get there."

GREYHOUNDS TIPS AND RETURNS

SELECTIONS

■DUNSTALL PARK: 11.01 Maddies Lass (1-2-6) 11.18 Ivys Violet (nap) (1-4-2) 11.34 Mercia Diana (1-4-3) 11.52 Bombay Tilda (nb) (3-2-5) 12.09 Detroit Sonny (1-5-6) 12.26 Headford Minella (4-2-1) 12.42 Crokers Delight (1-5-4) 12.59 Swift Wife (5-6-3) 1.17 Klassical Mia (2-6-4) 1.33 Grey Dove (6-1-5) 1.51 Jimmys Gadgets (6-5-3) 2.07 Point Break (3-1-2)
■ROMFORD: 11.09 Yahoo Bree (nap) (3-6-5) 11.27 Smashing Major (nb) (1-4-6) 11.43 Lava Ace (3-4-1) 12.01 Jogon Flo Joe (1-4-6) 12.18 Biscuit Dunker (5-1-4) 12.34 Ricos Diamond (2-4-1) 12.51 Abbeyside Comet (1-2-4) 1.08 Sundance Sasha (1-2-3) 1.26 Hollywood Topcat (6-1-3) 1.42 Sparkling Millie (3-5-4) 1.59 Kingdom Monty (4-5-2) 2.14 Lollipop Lucy (5-2-1)
■MONMORE: 2.23 Seven Stars (1-5-6) 2.41 Tullymurry Skies (nap) (6-3-1) 3.01 Whyaye Dubai (5-3-4) 3.19 Gatchells Jack (nb) (2-6-1) 3.38 Hello Youngfella (1-2-5) 3.57 Swift Depend (6-4-1) 4.16 Elderberry Mhysa (1-4-5) 4.34 Droopys Highfive (2-6-5) 4.53 First Sight (3-4-5) 5.12 Get In Line (2-4-3) 5.31 Swift Style (4-1-3) 5.49 Whelan (3-2-6)

RETURNS

■YARMOUTH: 11.01 Diva Luna 7-4 (3-4-2 BAGS F £3.97). 11.18 Ballygloss Maxie 2-1 (2-3-1 £8.38). 11.34 Cosmic Maggie 2-1 (3-5-1 £4.14). 11.52 Own View 9-4 (6-1-4 £11.66). 12.09 Longvale Elle 6-1 (5-3-6 £30.71). 12.26 Dakota Lady 6-1 (5-2-3 £27.84). 12.42 Greenmount Magic 1-2f (4-5-6 £7.76). 12.59 Fab Roy 11-8f (1-3-2 £8.30 TC £30). 1.17 Nova Boots 11-8f (DH 3rd 6-2-3 £12.01, 6-2-4). 1.33 Lemon Missy 7-2 (5-1-2 £14.05). 1.51 Solana Jet 10-3 (5-6-2 £12.65). 2.07 Cape Bridge 9-4 (2-3-6 £8.33).
■SUNDERLAND: 11.09 Strike It Minton 15-8f (2-4-1 BAGS F £24.85 TC £93.67). 11.27 Swift Tear 15-8f (2-3-6 £8.57 TC £30.46). 11.43 Wraysbury Rhyme 7-2 (6-2-3 £15.94 TC £41.99). 12.01 Skeard Betty 4-1 (4-5-6 £11.19). 12.18 Hot Sully 5-1 (6-4-2 £20.11 TC £52.41). 12.34 Blackeyed Keyes 5-1 (5-3-4 £28.48 TC £72.31). 12.51 Liffeyside Oak 14-1 (1-2-5 £47.56 TC £127.28). 1.08 Thunder Bridie 11-8f (1-5-4 £4.78 TC £7.85). 1.26 Hollyhill Tommy 7-4f (4-2-3 £11.72). 1.42 Polerone Kop 7-1 (5-6-2 £53.42). 1.59 Gambrinus Uno 9-1 (2-1-5 £104.02 TC £365.46). 2.14 Liberty Jess 10-3 (3-4-5 £16.18).

TEMPLEGATE

RACING'S NO1 TIPSTER STEVE MULLEN

PAST PASSION is fired up to win (3.12 Windsor, nap).

This youngster has been knocking on the door and did well to finish fourth at Lingfield last time despite trouble in running.

She really enjoyed stepping up to this trip and her mark of 64 looks more than fair.

JAGER TIME (3.30 Newton Abbot, nb) had an impressive 12 lengths in hand when winning over this course and distance last time. She could be named the winner a long way from home and the handicapper hasn't over-reacted with a 6lb rise. Conditions are similar so she should score again.

THAI BAHT can cash in (2.42 Windsor, treble). There was a lot to like about her debut at Lingfield. She took them along for much of the race and kept going when headed.

There's plenty to build on and she can take a step forward.

Passion is all fired up

★ TEMPLEGATE NAP	★ TEMPLEGATE NB	★ TEMPLEGATE TREBLE
PAST PASSION	JAGER TIME	THAI BAHT
3.12 Windsor	3.30 N Abbot	2.42 Windsor
Has been running well and this is a good chance to get off the mark.	Easy winner over course and distance and has more to come.	Went close on debut and can improve enough to strike.

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GOING: YIELDING (GOOD TO YIELDING)

4.07 KENNY DEVELOPMENTS MAIDEN HURDLE; value to the winner €7,200; 2m 1f. (20 runners)

1	6646-	**BRIDGE VIEW STAR 302** W O'Doherty 6-11-12	**Philip Byrnes 88**
2	P-0	**DEETER 16** E McCarthy 5-11-12	**Simon Torrens 70**
3	92/703-	**EN OR F53** A Martin 8-11-12	**Daniel King ●99**
4	832-254	**FIREBRAND 32 (B★)** J Nallen 6-11-12	**Alan O'Sullivan (5) 95**
5	78-1	**ITS TIME FOR A RUN 55** E Mullins 5-11-12	**Donagh Meyler 98**
6		**LEVA EAGLE** N Lee 5-11-12	**Evan Nugent (7) —**
7	2-FS89	**MINNATRIX 48 (H)** E McCarthy 6-11-12	**Phillip Enright 78**
8	1/2-5P	**MORALE BOOST 121** G McGill 8-11-12	**Conor Stone-Walsh 83**
9	-2P102B	**MR CAULFIELD 7** N Kelly 5-11-12	**Erin Dunseath (7) 95**
10	430-0	**PAPANELL 16** J Murphy 5-11-12	**Eoin Walsh 87**
11	6	**PIPER STREET 46** P Rothwell 5-11-12	**Shane O'Callaghan (3) 83**
12	46-39	**TRIBAL THUNDER 120** D Hassett 5-11-12	**J J Slevin 86**
13	0808	**BLUE NUDE 10** P Rothwell 4-11-10	**Tiernan Power Roche 75**
14	07	**YOU LIFT ME UP 10** P Rothwell 4-11-10	**Ross Sugrue (7) 78**
15	0450	**GETAWAY TOBIN 65** J McConnell 5-11-5	**Alex Harvey 84**
16	P/P-P40	**HOMETOMAYO 48** M Flannery 6-11-5	**Alan King (7) 80**
17	P009	**LEVA DEVA 14** D Collins 5-11-5	**Shane Fitzgerald 71**
18	/060-P0	**MIDDLETHIRD MARVEL 48** D Collins 5-11-5	**Philip Donovan 76**
19	P/7-89	**RENE'S GOLD 17** R O'Sullivan 5-11-5	**Danny Gilligan 72**
20	072-655	**WONDERFUL EVERYDAY 35 (D)** W P Mullins 5-11-5	**Paul Townend 97**
21		**MINELLA MAVERICK** J Ryan 5-11-12	**RESERVE —**
22		**STARY NOTIONS** P Lynch 6-11-12	**RESERVE —**
23	P0U	**MISTY VALENTINE 16** M Winters 4-11-3	**RESERVE 70**

BETTING: 9-4 En Or, 3 Wonderful Everyday, 10-3 Its Time For A Run, 4 Mr Caulfield
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1 1 3 1
2025: Money Dancer 4-11-3 Donagh Meyler 11-8 Fav (N Meade), 16 ran.

4.38 ANGLO PRINTERS HANDICAP HURDLE; value to the winner €7,200; 2m 1f. (20 runners)

1	/4996P-	**BECKISTINE 230** M Molloy 7-11-12	**Donagh Meyler 87**
2	59524-8	**MART LANE 42 (T★)** B Connell 5-11-10	**Mr Finian Maguire 92**
3	20/0-05	**PALACE BOY 25 (B)** J Gleeson 9-11-10	**L Burke-Ott (7) 89**
4	212P-03	**INTHENICKOFTIME 35 (D)** E Bolger 6-11-9	**Simon Torrens 96**
5	2176-16	**CROWSATEDAPPLETART 35** M Winters 9-11-8	**Michael Kenneally (5) 97**
6	00-P306	**PAUL COLLINS 17 (C)** B McMahon 6-11-8	**Philip Byrnes 94**
7	UU0-98	**I'M ALL IN 25** G Elliott 4-11-6	**Sam Ewing 86**
8	5540/F-	**JAY JAY ZEE 144 (D)** C Keegan 7-11-6	**Conor Smithers (7) 80**
9	F7-2606	**CODGER'S ROCK 12** C Collins 5-11-4	**Danny Gilligan 90**
10	20U261-	**ROC MY HAARTH 158** R Hackett 7-11-0	**Liam Quinlan 98**
11	36900-0	**SYNCHRONIZE F23** J Morrison 5-11-0	**John Shinnick 81**
12	/4496P-	**DONTCAVEIN 209 (T★)** C Murphy 6-10-13	**Eoin Walsh 77**
13	00P2-91	**EURO MAKER 28** A Murray 5-10-13	**Eoghan Finegan (5) ●99**
14	0/U8-06	**KOME DANS UN REVE 25** P Fenton 6-10-12	**Niall Moore (5) 74**
15	0667-83	**BROTHER HOLLIE 57** M McNiff 4-10-11	**Phillip Enright 96**
16	9/760-	**COLIN'S FRIEND 216** H Bromhead 5-10-11	**Darragh O'Keeffe 93**
17	1870-0P	**HILLSTAR BLUES 24** S Aherne 5-10-11	**Anna McGuinness (7) 79**
18	7P8P-F9	**ARCTIC PIPER 25** R Donohoe 7-10-10	**Richard Deegan 76**
19	8U6P-46	**I FEEL FINE 53** M Molloy 6-10-9	**Daniel King 92**
20	P-600	**MILLION DOLLAR MAN 65** G Cromwell 5-10-9	**Conor Stone-Walsh 80**
21	0P-926F	**SPEAKASYOUFIND 29** P Rothwell 5-10-9	**RESERVE 96**
22	04009-0	**BLACK BAMBOO 18** J Murphy 9-12-6	**RESERVE 82**
23	-055694	**CINNABAR MOTH 24** L Doyle 5-10-0	**RESERVE 93**

BETTING: 4 Euro Maker, 9-2 Roc My Haarth, 7 Inthenickoftime, 10 Brother Hollie
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 2 4 0 9
2025: Leave In Secret 6-11-7 J J Slevin 6-1 (T Gibney), 20 ran.

5.09 DEACY GILLIGAN HURDLE; value to the winner €10,800; 2m 6f. (8 runners)

1	0P-2184	**THECOMPANYSERGEANT 24 (B)** G Cromwell 9-11-6	**Conor Stone-Walsh 93**
2	P12-521	**BLOOD DESTINY 36** W P Mullins 7-11-0	**Paul Townend ●99**
3	66P40-8	**BUDDY ONE 40 (CD)** P Gilligan 9-11-0	**Danny Gilligan 97**
4	0/2312-	**FRENCH DYNAMITE 279** E McNamara 11-11-0	**Darragh O'Keeffe 98**
5	126-091	**GRANN'S BOY 37 (CD)** H Rogers 6-11-0	**Sean Flanagan 95**
6	7-52437	**MILAN FORTH 41** S Cavanagh 7-11-0	**Kevin Sexton 85**
7	170/7-2	**SAMUI 10** G Elliott 7-11-0	**Kevin Healy (7) 94**
8	F0-5113	**PAUL'S DREAM F25 (BF)** A Mullins 7-10-7	**Alan O'Sullivan (5) 96**

BETTING: 2 Blood Destiny, 3 French Dynamite, 5 Grann's Boy, 6 Samui, Buddy One
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: PU 6 2 1 2-CO
2025: Lord Erskine 12-11-0 Darragh O'Keeffe 11-4 (H Rogers), 6 ran.

5.41 WTW WILLIS HANDICAP HURDLE (0-100) (DIV 1); value to the winner €6,000; 2m 6f. (20 runners)

1	P2P3F23	**CLONE CROSS 31** S Cavanagh 5-11-12	**Kevin Healy (7) 97**
2	4P-2354	**DEISE CRYSTAL 16** S Aherne 5-11-11	**Phillip Enright 95**
3	515/042	**JOSHUA CHAMBERLAIN 14** G Keane 9-11-10	**Eoghan Finegan (5) ●99**
4	/60-5D0	**FAIR DAMSEL 31** C Collins 8-11-8	**Danny Gilligan 84**
5	6P4PP-3	**JOHN STOREY 34** I Donoghue 8-11-5	**Donagh Meyler 96**
6	7-55347	**LADIAM 19** N Lee 9-11-5	**Conor Smithers (7) 91**
7	PPP-337	**THE LITTLE YANK 19 (B)** J Ryan 11-11-5	**John Aherne (7) 95**
8	00-0040	**BARRYROE MADAM 14 (H)** T O'Brien 7-11-3	**Michael Kenneally (5) 83**
9	7015-90	**HICKEYS HILL 53** A McNamara 7-11-1	**Darragh O'Keeffe 79**
10	087-7P9	**COUP D'ESSAY 16** G Cromwell 5-11-0	**Conor Stone-Walsh 83**
11	3U/3-21	**PRINCESS FELICIA 14 (D)** D Kelly 7-10-12	**Peter Smithers (5) 98**
12	0-PP370	**RANGER BILLY 14** K Heffernan 10-10-11	**Ross Sugrue (7) 88**
13	/000-97	**SCARLET PURSE 10** M Hassett 7-10-11	**Liam McKenna (3) 83**
14	01-4U74	**TEDWORTH 10** M Barry 6-10-11	**Alan O'Sullivan (5) 80**
15	8-95250	**KATIE'S CASPER 46** D McLoughlin 7-10-9	**Thomas O'Connor (7) 93**
16	8-72240	**MOONSHINE GIRL 10 (B★)** P Gilligan 7-10-9	**Miss J Townend 94**
17	6-64F10	**PHILDANTE 14** E Doyle 9-10-8	**Harry Sexton (7) 96**
18	6P0-008	**MONTY'S WAY 10** G Stanley 8-10-5	**Daniel King 73**
19	08795-0	**EL ARCO 19** G Elliott 5-10-2	**Josh Williamson (3) 78**
20	6876-07	**GYPSY POET 10** L Doyle 5-10-2	**Simon Torrens 75**
21	7P/PR1-	**TRACKMAN TOMMY 204** J Broderick 8-11-1	**RESERVE 85**
22	P/0000-	**LUCKY THIS TIME 386** P Rothwell 5-10-4	**RESERVE 70**
23	-U8125U	**KILKEE BAY 18 (B)** E McNamara 7-11-5	**RESERVE 92**

BETTING: 7-2 Princess Felicia, 5 Joshua Chamberlain, 6 Deise Crystal, Clone Cross
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 8 2 2 PU
2025: Navy Waves 7-11-0 Ryan Treacy 20-1 (Mrs J Cashin), 18 ran.

LONG SHOT

CROWSATEDAPPLETART (4.38 Galway) looks a big price considering he won easily at Wexford two runs ago. This is wide open and he should be on the premises.

EAMONN HAMES	TOM PEPPER
4.07 Its Time For A Run	4.07 Wonderful Everyday
4.38 Inthenickoftime	4.38 Euro Maker
5.09 Blood Destiny	5.09 Grann's Boy
5.41 Princess Felicia (nb)	5.41 Deise Crystal
6.11 TAWNY LEA (nap)	6.11 Tantrum Boy
6.41 Captain Ryan Matt	6.41 Ndaawi
7.11 Justatan	7.11 Tell Us This
7.41 Maxdale Prinxess	7.41 Discussion

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed almost rectangular track of 10f, with a sharp decent to the turn and uphill finish of 2f. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): W P Mullins 40-242, G Elliott 32-255, G Cromwell 16-148, H De Bromhead 8-88. THIS SEASON: W P Mullins 9, H De Bromhead 2, E McCarthy 1. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): P Townend 15-82, D J O'Keeffe 11-122, S Ewing 11-79, S W Flanagan 11-84. THIS SEASON: D King 3, P Townend 3, D J O'Keeffe 2. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Feet On The Ground (6.41) trip of 284 miles. ■JACKPOT: 3-6. PLACEPOT: 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

6.11 WTW WILLIS HANDICAP HURDLE (0-100) (DIV 2); value to the winner €6,000; 2m 6f. (20 runners)

1	078-619	**JOURNEY SO FAR 36** G Cromwell 6-12-0	**Keith Donoghue 95**
2	72-5083	**L'AS DE WATT 17** P Fenton 5-11-13	**Sean Flanagan 97**
3	041P-90	**MIDLETON RARE 46** N Kelly 8-11-13	**Erin Dunseath (7) 76**
4	P2-8470	**DRUMCONNOR HILL 31** C Collins 5-11-11	**Jordan Gainford 88**
5	0-07811	**STRONG CONTENDER 19 (T★)** N Lee 5-11-8	**Conor Smithers (7) ●99**
6	PP5P03-	**HEY BABBS 142 (P★)** D McLoughlin 6-11-7	**Eoghan Finegan (5) 95**
7	21456-U	**GRACE FARADAY 108 (H;C,D)** A McCann 8-11-4	**James Smith (5) 93**
8	920/U0F	**THE VEGAS RAIDER 14 (V)** K Heffernan 8-11-2	**Daniel King 81**
9	F0-7502	**POETIC FOCUS 28 (BF)** A Slattery 6-11-1	**Danny Gilligan 97**
10	6/090P-	**AGENT TEQUILA 174** J McConnell 8-10-12	**Alex Harvey 76**
11	7175-0P	**ITAINTMEBABE 31** G Elliott 7-10-12	**Josh Williamson (3) 81**
12	3P0476-	**THREE BY TWO 215** D Murphy 10-10-12	**non-runner 91**
13	222P-PU	**COPPOLA 48** G Elliott 7-10-11	**Sam Ewing 88**
14	1430407	**LOVE LIKE THIS 7** J Ryan 8-10-11	**Brian Barry (7) 84**
15	0-08442	**TANTRUM BOY 10** B McMahon 6-10-8	**Phillip Enright 97**
16	00-06	**VANGAWAY 66 (P★)** M Gunn 5-10-7	**Richard Deegan 85**
17	P-B9375	**GORTMORE LADY 19** C Murphy 6-10-6	**Kevin Healy (7) 93**
18	08R05	**TAWNY LEA 14** T Coyle 6-10-6	**Philip Byrnes 87**
19	97-P036	**DARK BERKSHIRE 31** P Rothwell 6-10-3	**Conor Clarke (7) 90**
20	-PP04P6	**MAX TIME 19 (CD)** I Madden 9-10-0	**Liam Quinlan 86**
21	/3P1-41	**IL SILENZIO 34** M Brassil 9-11-1	**RESERVE 98**
22	35/360-	**PHOENIX COWBOY 430** M Winters 9-11-4	**RESERVE 84**
23	PP/P69-	**SIMPLETWISTOFFAITH F17** J O'Neill 9-10-12	**RESERVE 72**

BETTING: 4 Strong Contender, 5 Poetic Focus, Tantrum Boy, 6 Hey Babbs, 10 Coppola
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 4-6 PU 1
2025: Sporting Glance 6-11-12 Danny Gilligan 4-1 Fav (C Collins), 19 ran.

6.41 WATCH EVERY IRISH RACE ON RACING TV BEGINNERS CHASE; winner €7,800; 2m 2f. (8 runners)

1	156314-	**CAPTAIN RYAN MATT 150** H Bromhead 6-11-12	**Darragh O'Keeffe 97**
2	13513-0	**DAYDREAM NATION 130** W Harvey 6-11-12	**Ben Harvey 90**
3	/1301-0	**NDAAWI F9** G Elliott 6-11-12	**Danny Gilligan ●99**
4	25/4-P2	**OCASTLE DES MOTTES 38** W P Mullins 7-11-12	**Paul Townend 98**
5	85/31-2	**POLEPATRICK 91 (H;BF)** M McCrory 6-11-12	**Donagh Meyler 87**
6	-972U54	**WILLIAM TELL 30** D Kelly 7-11-12	**Daniel King 94**
7	04P-367	**FEET ON THE GROUND 62 (H★)** J Hannon 8-11-5	**Phillip Enright 80**
8	012521/	**MONGIBELLO 501** S Crawford 8-11-5	**J J Slevin —**

BETTING: 9-4 Ndaawi, 5-2 Ocastle Des Mottes, 7-2 Captain Ryan Matt, 7 William Tell
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2 1 2 4
2025: Rocky's Diamond 5-11-5 Michael Kenneally 9-4 (D Queally), 7 ran.

7.11 BOYLE SPORTS HANDICAP CHASE; value to the winner €9,000; 2m 6f 111yds. (11 runners)

1	5P1-457	**TULLYBEG 45 (D)** B McMahon 11-11-12	**Evan Nugent (7) 85**
2	P0667-6	**BRANDT 90 (BF)** C Collins 8-11-11	**Carl Millar (5) 88**
3	669-893	**TONAGHNEAVE WELL 59** G Cromwell 6-11-11	**Keith Donoghue 94**
4	51-3515	**TELL US THIS 25 (C)** A McNamara 7-11-9	**Conor Stone-Walsh 92**
5	P670-43	**GRANVILLE STREET 17** C Murphy 8-11-8	**Eoghan Finegan (5) 96**
6	557-847	**JUKE HILL 25 (B)** G Elliott 6-11-2	**Sam Ewing 88**
7	5309-33	**JUSTATAN 36** E Mullins 7-10-13	**Donagh Meyler 97**
8	54-1504	**ONEFORGONZO 30** S Aherne 8-10-12	**Phillip Enright 90**
9	5P-0484	**THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT 22** P Rothwell 8-10-10	**Ross Sugrue (7) 92**
10	74P21P-	**NOLANS ROCCO 150 (D)** P Butler 7-10-9	**Michael Kenneally (5) 96**
11	8204051	**SMALLCRAFTWARNING 3 (D)** J Ryan 9-10-9	**Daniel King ●99**

BETTING: 4 Granville Street, 5 Justatan, 6 Tonaghneave Well, Juke Hill, 8 Tell Us This
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 4 3 1 2
2025: Solly Attwell 7-10-9 Jordan Gainford 18-1 (C Collins), 13 ran.

7.41 KENNY DEVELOPMENTS IRISH EBF MARES FLAT RACE; value to the winner €7,200; 2m 1f. (18 runners)

1	30-F	**AN LACHIN BEAG 32** N Slevin 6-11-11	**Mr F Buckley (7) 91**
2	8P-P34	**BAYMOUNT 17** A Mullins 5-11-11	**Mr B T Stone (7) 97**
3	8/7	**BIG BUDGIE 92** J Cashin 6-11-11	**Mr J C Barry 76**
4	53-	**BRICKFIELD BELLE 165** H Bromhead 5-11-11	**Mr J L Gleeson ●99**
5	275/	**DISCUSSION 891** C Weld 7-11-11	**Mr F Maguire —**
6		**GEORGE'S ORDER** S Allen 5-11-11	**Mr D Doyle (7) —**
7	U-8	**HOPE AND MERCY 92** M Brassil 6-11-11	**Mr D Clarke (7) 72**
8	FF-P	**KALINKA DE LOIRE 127 (T★)** K Heffernan 6-11-11	**Mr J Dunne (7) —**
9	S-6	**LOCKEEN ROSE 22** R Hackett 6-11-11	**Mr L Hackett (7) 82**
10	6	**MAXDALE PRINXESS 10** W Roper 5-11-11	**Mr D O'Connor 90**
11	6/45-55	**STREAMHILL 84** P Butler 7-11-11	**Ms G Dorgan (7) 95**
12		**SUMMER SANDALS** M Flannery 6-11-11	**Mr S J Kenny (7) —**
13	FPU-8U	**WHAT'SHERNAME 113** C Bowe 5-11-11	**Mr R M McParland (7) 80**
14		**ELUSIVE MOON** L Doyle 4-11-9	**— —**
15	PU-6	**LAKE PIPPAWAY 100** T O'Brien 4-11-9	**Mr A Ryan (5) 77**
16		**MELODY D'ARC** J McConnell 4-11-9	**Ms L A Byrne (7) —**
17		**MOZART'S SONG** E Courtney 4-11-9	**Ms A T O'Reilly (7) —**
18		**PROMETTEUSE** W O'Doherty 4-11-9	**Mr L P Shanahan (7) —**

BETTING: 2 Brickfield Belle, 4 Baymount, 5 Streamhill, 8 Elusive Moon, Melody D'Arc
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 4 1 2 0
2025: Maximillian Lady 4-11-2 Mr T A Halford 7-2 (C Farrell), 17 ran.

WOLVERHAMPTON

GOING: STANDARD

TEMPLEGATE	
4.57	Roxa Love
5.30	Lauralynn
6.00	Pon Pon Dalia
6.30	Last Verse
7.00	Ten Sixty Six
7.30	Midnight Media
8.00	Dixieland Blues
8.30	Fiorella Princess

TOM PEPPER	
4.57	Kerry Grey
5.30	Lady Of Hay
6.00	Falah Glory
6.30	Robusto
7.00	Ernie Mccrew
7.30	Evening Fades
8.00	Song N Dance
8.30	Midnight Call

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed, tight Tapeta all-weather track of 1m, with a 330yd run-in. Races over 6f and 7f start on separate chutes. ■DRAW: None. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): A Carroll 123-1229, M Loughnane 81-755, G Boughey 72-444, I Williams 62-463. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 22, J Owen 14. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): B Loughnane 153-788, L Morris 123-1030, D Muscutt 81-506, C Shepherd 49-388. THIS SEASON: B Loughnane 34. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Calef (5.30), Ten Sixty Six (7.00), Feliz Navidad (7.30) trip of 310 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Le Ciel Noble (5.30), Falah Glory (6.00), Patricia R (8.00). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

4.57 FILLIES NOVICE STAKES (Class 4); 2-y-o; £5,400; 5f. (7 runners)

1	(4)	31	**ROXA LOVE 77 (D)** G Boughey 9-9	**R Scott**
2	(5)	7	**BLACK TREASURE 124** O Sangster 9-2.	**S D Bowen**
3	(6)	6	**GLAMOROUS WILD 18** M Loughnane 9-2	**R Hornby**
4	(1)	7	**JUSTICE TIME 101** B Ellison 9-2	**C Hardie**
5	(7)		**KERRY GREY** R Hughes 9-2	**B Loughnane**
6	(2)	2464	**RHODES RUNNER 11** R Beckett 9-2	**E Greatrex**
7	(3)	28	**ROGUE DAKOTA 20** A Watson 9-2	**L Morris**

Roxa Love ●99, Rhodes Runner 98, Rogue Dakota 91.
2 Roxa Love, 3 Rhodes Runner, 4 Kerry Grey, 12 Rogue Dakota

5.30 HANDICAP (6); 2-y-o; winner £3,245; 5f. (11 runners)

1	(5)	673	**LADY OF HAY 16** A Balding 9-9	**C Hutchinson**
2	(8)	1732	**LAURALYNN 13 (BF,D)** D Carroll 9-8	**Z Wheatley**
3	(3)	44U6	**CALEF 14 (V★)** D O'Meara 9-8	**D Tudhope**
4	(11)	344	**CAVAN LADY 61** R Hughes 9-6	**B Loughnane**
5	(6)	7655	**SABLE ISLAND 21** C Dwyer 9-5	**H Davies**
6	(10)	5223	**CRYSTAL KRAKEN 7 (B★;BF)** D Cunha 9-5	**J Doughty**
7	(9)	5433	**CHIANTI 29** A Watson 9-5	**L Morris**
8	(1)	4028	**TIME AND EFFORT 33 (T★)** I Furtado 9-2	**D Muscutt**
9	(7)	8676	**TRUST HAVANA 21** G Hanmer 8-9	**S D Bowen**
10	(4)	654	**LE CIEL NOBLE 55** P Evans 8-7	**E Greatrex**
11	(2)	7596	**GOOD FIGHTER 25 (P★)** Mohammed/Santos 8-6.	**T Kiely-Marshall (5)**

Lauralynn ●99, Calef 97, Cavan Lady 97.
7-2 Lauralynn, 5 Cavan Lady, 6 Lady Of Hay, Chianti, Crystal Kraken, 8 Sable Island, Calef, 12 Le Ciel Noble

6.00 MAIDEN STAKES (5); 2-y-o; winner £4,320; 6f. (7 runners)

1	(5)	3675	**ANNA BELARDO 5 (P★)** R Newland 9-7	**G Mangan**
2	(4)	0	**CRUZCAMPO CAI 45** M Young 9-7	**R Hornby**
3	(3)		**FALAH GLORY** D Cunha 9-7	**J Doughty**
4	(7)	26	**LANGDALE LASS 34 (BF)** D Simcock 9-2	**L Morris**
5	(6)	74	**NAPPS WAY 31** J Moore 9-2	**T Fisher**
6	(1)	52	**PON PON DALIA 21** M Botti 9-2	**B Loughnane**
7	(2)	56	**WEST TO REST 23** E Dunlop 9-2	**E Greatrex**

Pon Pon Dalia ●99, Langdale Lass 97, West To Rest 83.
4-5 Pon Pon Dalia, 13-8 Langdale Lass, 12 West To Rest

6.30 HANDICAP (4); winner £5,234; 1m 6f. (4 runners)

1	(2)	5831	**ROBUSTO 29 (B;CD)** E J-Houghton 6-9-12	**H Vigors (5)**
2	(1)	1391	**LAST VERSE 16** J Parr 3-9-8	**P Cosgrave**
3	(3)	4221	**BRUNHILDE 54** G Boughey 3-9-5	**B Loughnane**
4	(4)	1426	**LEVEL LOOK 30** A Balding 3-9-4	**C Hutchinson**

Robusto ●99, Level Look 98, Last Verse 97.
2 Brunhilde, 9-4 Last Verse, 10-3 Level Look, 7-2 Robusto

Sun FORM

ROBUSTO (9-9) 13-2 mid-division, led 2f out, asserted and forged clear inside final furlong, bt Mountbatten (9-9) 2¼l (6 ran) (Leicester 1½m hcap (5) £4,187 good to firm).
LAST VERSE (9-9) 11-1 mid-division, led 2f out, stretched well clear final furlong, easily, bt Hebridean Nomad (9-4) 6l (6 ran) (Lingfield 1m 5f hcap (5) £4,397 AW).
BRUNHILDE (8-13) 1-7 fav made all, shaken up over 1f out, went clear final furlong, bt Lunella (8-13) 5½l (4 ran) (Lingfield 1½m mdn (3) £6,480 good to firm).
LEVEL LOOK (9-2) 18-1 mid-division, p never in contention, 6th of 10 (btn 4¾l) to Archers Bay (10-2) **LAST VERSE** (9-0) 66-1 mid-division, pushed and dropped away 2f out, 9th (btn 10l) (Ascot 1½m hcap (3) £41,803 good to firm).

7.00 HANDICAP (6); 3-y-o; winner £3,245; 1m 1f. (13 runners)

1	(13)	8769	**TAGO MAGO 19 (B★)** S England 9-9	**R Scott**
2	(7)	6762	**MISS MAMBO 32 (B)** G Kelleway 9-9..	**B Loughnane**
3	(1)	8U24	**YAZOO 35 (B)** R Spencer 9-8	**G Wood**
4	(12)	6736	**RAJENDRA 23 (H)** D Simcock 9-7	**C Shepherd**
5	(11)	054	**CALL ALERT 37** W Muir & C Grassick 9-7	**L Edmunds**
6	(4)	7966	**CLAYTONS KOLATONIC 12** D F Davis 9-6	**R Hornby**
7	(5)	4652	**TEN SIXTY SIX 7** D O'Meara 9-4	**D Tudhope**
8	(8)	5526	**ERNIE MCCREW 11** J Moore 9-4	**T Fisher**
9	(10)	6456	**MARVELING 87** H Evans 9-4	**T Kiely-Marshall (5)**
10	(9)	740	**FENAY BRIDGE 165** I Furtado 9-2	**D Muscutt**
11	(3)	7045	**CROWN THE FUTURE 20 (C)** A Carroll 9-2	**J Doughty**
12	(2)	7998	**LORDSBRIDGE BAY 24 (H)** S Woods 9-0	**L Wright (3)**
13	(6)	2577	**NAUTICAL SKY 14** J Owen 9-0	**L Morris**

Miss Mambo ●99, Ten Sixty Six 98, Call Alert 97.
3 Miss Mambo, 4 Ten Sixty Six, 6 Ernie Mccrew, 8 Call Alert, 10 Nautical Sky, Yazoo, Crown The Future, 14 Marveling

7.30 HANDICAP (6); 3-y-o; winner £3,245; 1m 1f 104yds. (13 runners)

1	(1)	9325	**CRIMSON RAMBLER 38 (B;CD)** M Crawley 9-9	**L Wright (3)**
2	(10)	6543	**ZIPWIRE 17 (CD)** J Moore 9-9	**T Fisher**
3	(11)	1605	**TERRANOBLE 40 (CD)** D Coakley 9-9	**R Hornby**
4	(4)	1212	**MIDNIGHT MEDIA 6 (BF,CD)** W Muir & C Grassick 9-8	**L Edmunds**
5	(2)	4470	**DEEP SLEEP 10** J Owen 9-7	**L Morris**
6	(12)	1156	**SAHM NAIF 29** J Horton 9-7	**D Muscutt**
7	(9)	4632	**THE ANTHONY GOVER 11** R Newland 9-7	**B Loughnane**
8	(7)	5177	**COBALT COMET 9 (H)** J Mackie 9-6	**F Bassett (7)**
9	(5)	5295	**SNAAFY 23 (CD)** D Loughnane 9-6	**L Pearson**
10	(8)	06U2	**HORWICH 13 (C)** R Carr 9-5	**J Sullivan**
11	(13)	4423	**EVENING FADES 12 (P★)** W Haggas 9-5	**C Fallon**
12	(6)	5530	**FELIZ NAVIDAD 23** D O'Meara 9-2	**D Tudhope**
13	(3)	1746	**BERYL'S GIRL 10 (B★)** E J-Houghton 9-2	**C Hutchinson**

Midnight Media ●99, The Anthony Gover 98, Horwich 97.
5-2 Midnight Media, 5 Horwich, 6 The Anthony Gover, 7 Evening Fades, 10 Crimson Rambler, Zipwire, 12 Snaafy

8.00 HANDICAP (4); winner £5,234; 1m 1f. (13 runners)

1	(4)	61-0	**DIXIELAND BLUES 22** S & E Crisford 4-9-11	**H Davies**
2	(5)	5424	**LONDONER 26 (BF)** D & C Kubler 6-9-9	**E Nader**
3	(2)	6743	**HELM ROCK 19 (B;CD)** D & C Kubler 8-9-7	**A Voikhansky**
4	(3)	7066	**FIRST AMBITION 37** M Keady 5-9-7	**D Muscutt**
5	(10)	3521	**KNIGHTS GOLD 15** T Ward 4-9-7	**B Loughnane**
6	(12)	2250	**SONG N DANCE 41** S Woods 4-9-7	**C Fallon**
7	(11)	7274	**CHALK MOUNTAIN 11 (C)** Z Hawkins 6-9-5	**R Hornby**
8	(6)	052-	**HOUSTONN 347** T Culhane & S Barclay 5-9-5	**G Wood**
9	(9)	3315	**STUDIOUS 118 (CD)** M Loughnane 4-9-2	**L Morris**
10	(8)	5421	**COMMANDER OF LIFE 46 (CD)** J Macey 5-9-2	**L Edmunds**
11	(7)	210-	**PATRICIA R 366 (H★)** J Camacho 4-9-2.	**non-runner**
12	(13)	-006	**INDIAN SPIRIT 58** I Williams 4-9-0	**E Greatrex**
13	(1)	3646	**NEWFANGLED 33 (CD)** J Portman 5-8-10	**R Scott**

Knights Gold ●99, Commander Of Life 98, Helm Rock 97.
7-2 Knights Gold, 4 Commander Of Life, 7 Helm Rock, 8 Londoner, Chalk Mountain, 10 Dixieland Blues

Sun FORM

DIXIELAND BLUES (9-6) 4-1 well held 1f out, 10th of 13 (btn 8¾l) to Valvano (9-12) (Southwell 7f hcap (3) £9,631 AW).
LONDONER (9-10) 11-4 fav faded 1f out, 4th of 6 (3¾l) to Mythical Bird (8-12) (Salisbury 1¼m hcap (4) £5,888 good).
HELM ROCK (10-0) 15-2 ran on well 1f out, 3rd of 8 (btn 2¼l) to Cavolo Nero (10-4) (Kempton 1m hcap (4) £6,281 AW).
FIRST AMBITION (9-4) 150-1 kept on inside final furlong, never near to challenge, 6th of 15 (btn 2¼l) to Crest of Fire (9-6) (Goodwood 1m 1f hcap (3) £25,770 good to firm).
KNIGHTS GOLD (9-9) 2-1 fav led towards finish, bt Cuban Lady (8-8) ½l (Brighton 7f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
SONG N DANCE (9-3) 12-1 one pace, 10th of 14 (5l) to Rumba Numba (9-7) (Goodwood 1m hcap (3) £25,770 good).
CHALK MOUNTAIN (9-9) 9-2 kept on one pace, 4th of 11 (4l) to Mr Noble (9-6) (Southwell 7f hcap (4) £5,154 AW).
HOUSTONN (9-12) 9-1 stayed on strongly inside final furlong, took 2nd towards finish, , btn hd by Secret Beach (9-10) (8 ran) (Newmarket 1½m hcap (4) £7,731 good).
STUDIOUS (9-7) 10-1 weakened 1f out, 5th of 9 (btn 9½l) to Zatsgood (9-7) (Lingfield 1m hcap (4) £5,234 AW).
COMMANDER OF LIFE (9-9) 7-4 fav held up in rear, led inside final 110yds, ran on well, bt Farandaway (9-9) 1¼l (6 ran) (Doncaster 7f hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
PATRICIA R (8-12) 9-1 no impression 2f out, 10th of 11 (btn 7l) to Dash Of Azure (9-6) (Thirsk 7f hcap (3) £10,468 good).
KNIGHTS GOLD (9-11) 11-2 plugged on, 5th of 9 (5½l) to Crazee Icon (8-11) **INDIAN SPIRIT** (9-9) 50-1 never involved, 6th (btn 6l) (9 ran) (Chester 1m hcap (4) £7,731 good).
NEWFANGLED (9-10) 9-1 led, headed final furlong, weakened final 110yds, 6th of 9 (btn 6¼l) to Sea Suite (10-2) (Brighton 1m hcap (4) £10,468 good to firm).

8.30 HANDICAP (5); winner £3,978; 5f. (11 runners)

1	(10)	3262	**FIORELLA PRINCESS 18 (BF,D)** R Cowell 4-9-12	**B Loughnane**
2	(11)	1221	**STYLE KING 11 (C,D)** C Dwyer 4-9-10	**non-runner**
3	(9)	5756	**ALKUWARRIOR 17 (D)** C Mason 3-9-10	**G Mangan**
4	(5)	4030	**THE FLYING SEAGULL 58 (V)** H Palmer 4-9-10	**H Davies**
5	(7)	4671	**WHIZZY DIZZY 18 (D)** C Cox 3-9-10	**G Dobie**
6	(2)	3691	**BLUE FORCE 21 (H;CD)** A Brittain 5-9-8	**C Hardie**
7	(4)	2504	**ENTER SANDMAN 23 (D)** R Spencer 3-9-8	**G Wood**
8	(1)	1410	**MIDNIGHT CALL 94 (CD)** A Carroll 5-9-7	**J Doughty**
9	(8)	3516	**TOO DARN GOOD 21 (D)** H Candy 3-9-7	**N Currie**
10	(6)	5045	**GENERAL ASSEMBLY 11 (CD)** C Hobson 5-9-6.	**L Edmunds**
11	(3)	7664	**LA BELLE FOREST 18 (D)** A Watson 3-9-4	**L Morris**

Whizzy Dizzy ●99, Blue Force 98, Fiorella Princess 97.
3 Fiorella Princess, 7-2 Whizzy Dizzy, 4 Blue Force, 8 Midnight Call, 10 Too Darn Good, 12 Enter Sandman

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Blanks here... 'n Lankshear

WILL'S RUBBING IT IN AFTER SPURS SOLD HIM

By JON WEST

TOTTENHAM fired blanks in all three Prem games so far — their most goal-shy start to a season since 1974.

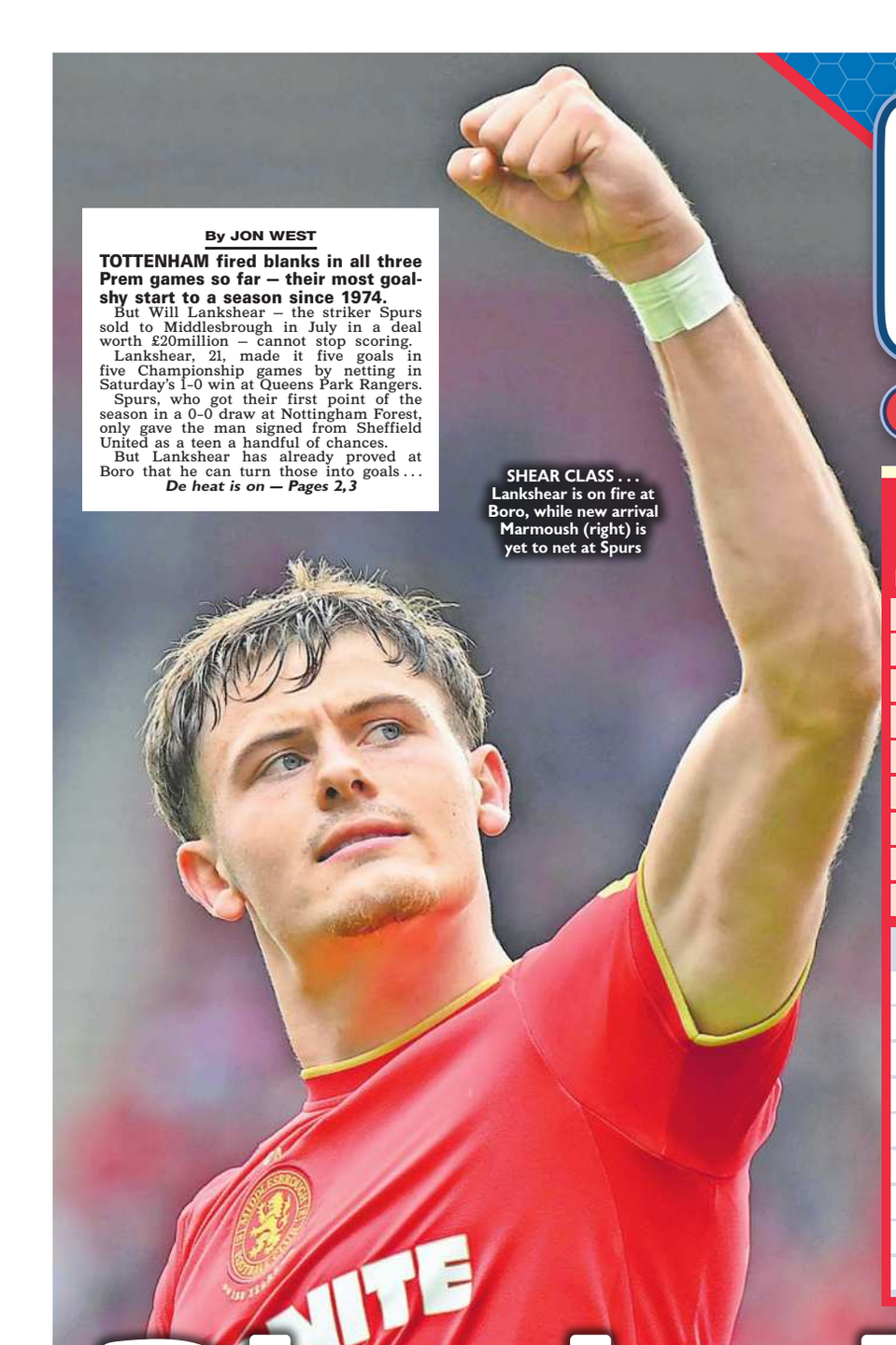
But Will Lankshear – the striker Spurs sold to Middlesbrough in July in a deal worth £20million – cannot stop scoring.

Lankshear, 21, made it five goals in five Championship games by netting in Saturday's 1-0 win at Queens Park Rangers.

Spurs, who got their first point of the season in a 0-0 draw at Nottingham Forest, only gave the man signed from Sheffield United as a teen a handful of chances.

But Lankshear has already proved at Boro that he can turn those into goals . . .

De heat is on — Pages 2, 3



SHEAR CLASS . . . Lankshear is on fire at Boro, while new arrival Marmoush (right) is yet to net at Spurs

LEAGUE RECORDS THIS SEASON

LANKSHEAR IN CHAMPIONSHIP

Games	5
Goals	5
Mins played	408
Total shots	18
Shots on target	8
Off target	3
Shot conversion	28%
Mins per goal	82
Win rate	60%

TOTTENHAM IN PREM

Games	3
Goals	0
Mins played	270
Total shots	37
Shots on target	10
Off target	18
Shot conversion	0%
Mins per goal	--
Win rate	0%

DE HEAT

Toffees clash now huge for

TOTTENHAM'S next clash at home to Everton already feels significant for boss Roberto De Zerbi.

TOM BARCLAY

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Not seismic, but vitally important because of what failure against the penny-pinching Toffees would represent.

De Zerbi's Spurs spent £300million-plus on signings and the Italian could do with finding a performance, the back of the net and, crucially, a win sooner rather than later – starting on Saturday.

It is David vs Goliath in football summer spending terms and a loss for the latter would be a worrying blow in De Zerbi's bid to rebuild Tottenham back into a Premier League giant.

De Zerbi – backed like no other boss at the club – versus David Moyes, who has been left with just one recognised striker after failed moves for Folarin Balogun, Joshua Zirkzee and exiled Spurs man Richarlison.

The Italian maintains he feels no extra pressure to perform off the back of Tottenham spending like drunken sailors this summer.

But with his side now failing to score in all three of their league games so far following a goalless draw at Nottingham Forest on Saturday, he must be feeling a smidgen of heat.

Perhaps something akin to an unseasonably warm September evening, rather than one of those scorching heatwaves we are all realising are here to stay, but some heat all the same.

Because with such an eye-watering outlay comes increased expectation, especially for a club like Tottenham who are not accustomed to opening the chequebook like this.

And so far this term – as their hat-trick of blanks underlines – there has been very little bang for their considerable buck.

On Friday, De Zerbi said: "I don't feel pressure for the money we spent.

"I think the other big clubs in Premier League, they spent money, maybe more than us. It's not a pressure. Pressure is just to play well, to make results as soon as possible. But not for the transfer market."

Yet then a day later at Forest, his expensively-assembled side failed to have a single shot on target.

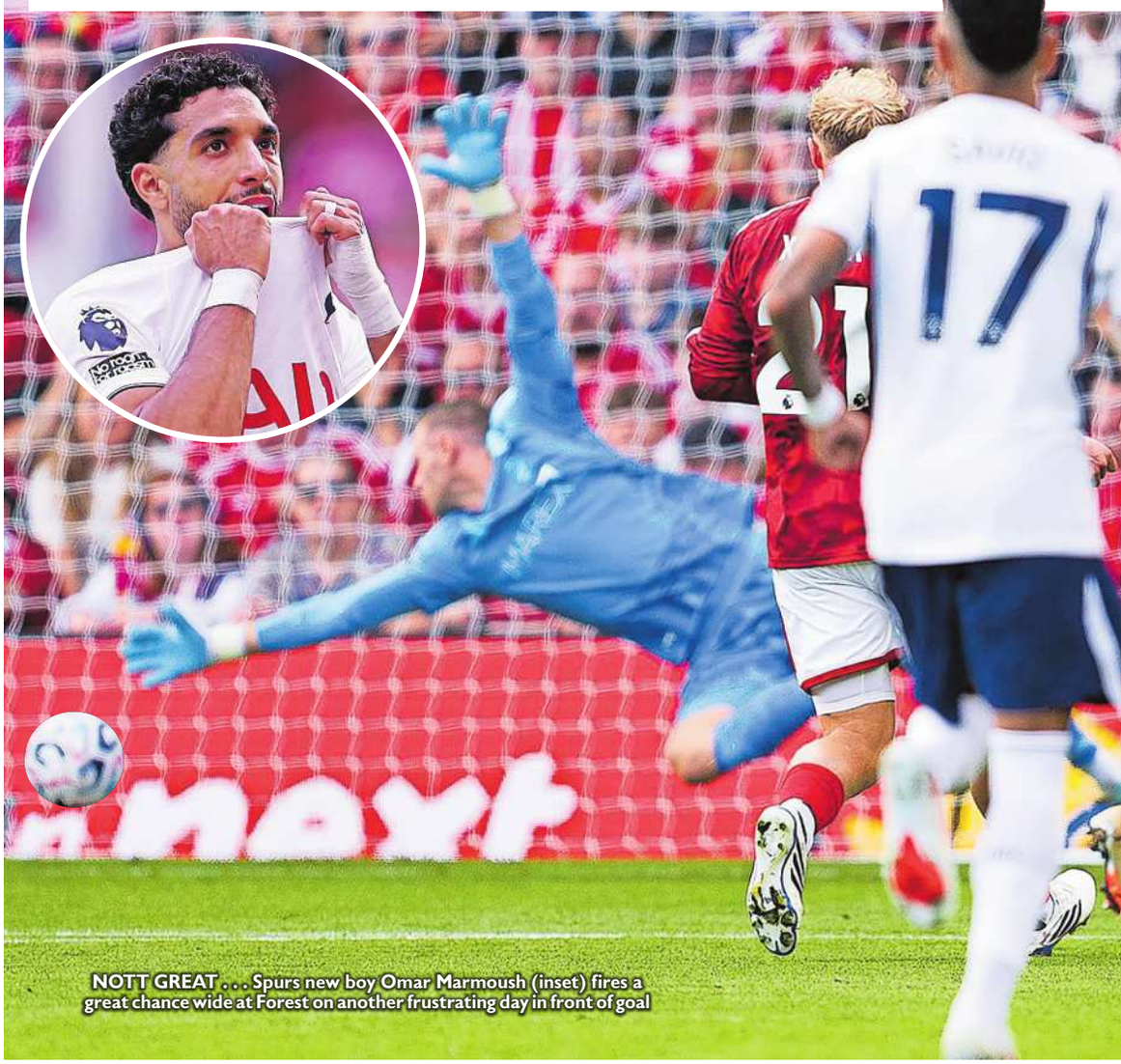
Yes, Omar Marmoush did waste a great chance in the first half when firing wide and his replacement Dominic Solanke headed over late on.

Captain Micky van de Ven also headed just the wrong side of the post from close range.

Still, De Zerbi claiming afterwards that his side could have had "three or four goals" felt a generous assessment – if statistically correct.

Were it not for a charitable VAR intervention that ruled out a second-half Forest goal for handball against Neco Williams, his side would have been pointless after three games as well as goalless.

The Italian has huge credit in the bank after saving Spurs from the drop last term, having come in with seven games to go. Spurs' hierarchy have



NOTT GREAT . . . Spurs new boy Omar Marmoush (inset) fires a great chance wide at Forest on another frustrating day in front of goal

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PREMIER LEAGUE RESULTS

ARSENAL (1) 2 — **CHELSEA (1) 1**
Havertz 25, Odegaard 50 — **Rogers 2**

Arsenal: Raya, White, Konsa, Gabriel, Calafiori (Hincapie 67), Rice, Lewis-Skelly (Zubimendi 67), Saka (Madueke 90), Odegaard (Merino 77), Tzolis, Havertz (Gyokeres 78). Subs not used: Arrizabalaga, Eze, Guimaraes, Dowman. Booked: Merino, Tzolis.

Chelsea: Martinez, Acheampong, Lacroix, Fofana, Pedro Neto (Estevao 81), Lavia (Gusto 60), James, Hato (Chavarria 60), Palmer, Rogers (Welbeck 87), Joao Pedro. Subs not used: Penders, Barco, Colwill, Bynoe-Gittens, Quenda. Booked: Joao Pedro, Lacroix, Palmer, Rogers.

EVERTON (0) 2 — **MAN UNITED (0) 2**
George 83, Maitland-Niles 90 — **Mbeumo 47, Sesko 88**

Everton: Pickford, Rohl (Hackney 75), Tarkowski, Branthwaite, Mykolenko, Armstrong, Garner (Maitland-Niles 77), Johnson (Grealish 66), Dewsbury-Hall, George, Barry. Subs not used: Travers, Keane, O'Brien, Dibling, Alcaraz, Graham. Booked: Armstrong, Johnson, Rohl.

Man Utd: Lammens, Dalot (Yoro 84), Maguire, Martinez, Shaw (Mazraoui 90), Mainoo (Santos 84), Tielemans, Mbeumo, Fernandes, Rashford (Dorgu 70), Cunha (Sesko 70). Subs not used: Darlow, Mount, Zirkzee, Heaven. Booked: Dalot, Maguire, Shaw.

PLAYED SATURDAY

BRENTFORD (0) 1 — **SUNDERLAND (0) 1**
Janelt 57 — **Le Fee 82 (pen)**
Att 17,131

Brentford: Kelleher, Kayode (Hickey 46), Ajer, Collins (Schuster 17), Lewis-Potter, Sangare (Yarmolyuk 46), Janelt, Ouattara (Anthony 46), Damsgaard (Wilson 86), Schade, Thiago. Subs not used: Valdimarsson, Henry, Carvalho, Diouf. Booked: Janelt, Sangare, Yarmolyuk.

Sunderland: Roefs, Mukiele, Danso, Ballard, Mandava, Xhaka, Sadiki (Fofana 74), Meunier (Hume 64), Le Fee, Angulo (Isidor 64), Brobbey. Subs not used: Ellborg, Methalie, Rigg, O'Nien, Alderete, Ahoka. Booked: Sadiki, Xhaka.

BRIGHTON (0) 1 — **LEEDS (1) 1**
Vuskovic 71 — **Bogle 15**
Att 31,661

Brighton: Verbruggen, Kadioglu (Costinha 78), Vuskovic, Dunk, Boscagli (Struijk 90), Gross, Ayari, Gomez, Yalcouye, De Cuyper (David 77), Kostoulas. Subs not used: Steele, Hadjam, Andres, Osman, O'Riley, Oriola. Booked: David, De Cuyper, Gross.

Leeds: Trafford, Justin, Elvedi, Muharemovic, Bogle (Bijol 62), Stach, Ampadu, Tanaka (Wilson 73), Gudmundsson, Calvert-Lewin (Nmecha 73), Okafor (Aaronson 62). Subs not used: Zetterer, James, Longstaff, Bahoya, Bard. Booked: Bogle, Calvert-Lewin, Wilson.

FULHAM (2) 2 — **C PALACE (1) 3**
King 11, Palacios 42 — **Mitchell 35, 54, Chilwell 77**

Fulham: Leno, Castagne, Andersen, Bassey, Robinson (Sessegnon 79), Charles (Smith Rowe 79), Iwobi (Rodrigo Muniz 83), Bobb (Larsson 79), King, Palacios (Berge 62), Garcia. Subs not used: Lecomte, Kevin, Angel, Affengruber.

Crystal Palace: Henderson, Richards, Disasi, Canvot, Khalaili, Timber (Hughes 74), Wharton, Mitchell (Chilwell 74), Kamada (Osorio 89), Pino (Mnguezza 89), Nketiah (Larsen 46). Subs not used: Benitez, Gozo, Tomiyasu, Doucoure.

HULL (0) 0 — **ASTON VILLA (0) 0**
Att 24,425

Hull: Tzolakis, Coyle (Norton-Cuffy 64), Ajayi, Egan, Mendy (Herrington 71), Giles, Belloumi (Cho 82), Slater, Gourna-Douath (Hjerto-Dahl 82), Stroud (Thomas 63), McBurnie. Subs not used: Phillips, Targett, Mouzakitis, Vaz. Booked: Ajayi, Gourna-Douath.

Aston Villa: Suzuki, Cash (Wan-Bissaka 85), Lindelof, Mings, Maatsen (Ruggeri 76), Kamara, Barkley, McGinn, Buendia (Garnacho 75), Hemmings (Alysson 75), Jackson (Abraham 85). Subs not used: Bizot, Torres, Mbaye, Bogarde.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
Arsenal	3	3	0	0	6	1	9
Hull	3	2	1	0	3	0	7
Chelsea	3	2	0	1	8	7	6
Brentford	3	1	2	0	5	2	5
Liverpool	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Newcastle	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Everton	3	1	2	0	5	3	5
Leeds	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
Brighton	3	1	1	1	8	5	4
Man Utd	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
Sunderland	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Crystal Palace	3	1	0	2	4	8	3
Ipswich	3	1	0	2	4	8	3
Bournemouth	3	0	2	1	4	5	2
Nottm Forest	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Aston Villa	3	0	1	2	0	5	1
Tottenham	3	0	1	2	0	5	1
Fulham	3	0	0	3	4	7	0
Coventry	3	0	0	3	0	5	0

MAN CITY (1) 1 — **COVENTRY (0) 0**
Haaland 26 — **Att 60,765**

Man City: Donnarumma, Khusanov, Dias, Guehi, Gvardiol, Fernandez (Bouaddi 76), Anderson, Semenyo, Cherki (Foden 66), Ndiaye (McAdoo 87), Haaland. Subs not used: Rulli, Kovacic, Ait Nouri, Matheus Luiz, Lewis, Samba. Booked: Khusanov.

Coventry: Rushworth, Amenda, Thomas, Pinnock, van Ewijk, Onyeka (Yirenkyi 63), Grimes, Dasilva (Hamer 85), Rudoni (Tchaouna 63), Mason-Clark (Thomas-Asante 71), Awoniyi (Simms 71). Subs not used: Bentley, Sakamoto, Latibeaudiere, Overgaard. Booked: Pinnock, van Ewijk.

NEWCASTLE (1) 2 — **AFC B'MOUTH (2) 2**
Barnes 37, Ramsey 88 — **Tavernier 9, Thiaw 35 (og)**
Att 52,643

Newcastle: Hornicek, Dedic, Thiaw, Botman, Hall (Livramento 90), Gonzalez (Steur 77), Miley (Ramsey 63), Elanga (Murphy 78), Willock (Fernandez-Pardo 63), Barnes, Wissa. Subs not used: Pope, Schar, Bamba, Toure. Booked: Elanga, Wissa.

AFC Bournemouth: Petrovic, Smith, Hill, Silva, Truffert, Adams (Cook 76), Scott (Christie 90), Rayan (Doak 90), Kluivert (Brooks 76), Tavernier (Jebbison 89), Evanilson. Subs not used: Di Gregorio, Soler, Diakite, Sanchez. Booked: Kluivert, Smith, Truffert.

N FOREST (0) 0 — **TOTTENHAM (0) 0**
Att 30,686

Nottm Forest: Sels, Jair Cunha, Milenkovic, Murillo (Diomande 90), Aina (Munoz 59), Schlager, McAteer, Williams, Ndoye (Igor Jesus 59), Gibbs-White, Delap (Wood 74). Subs not used: John Victor, Hudson-Odoi, Dominguez, Yates, Netz. Booked: McAtee, Milenkovic.

Tottenham Hotspur: Kinsky, Porro, van Hecke, van de Ven, Udogie (Robertson 61), Bentancur, Tonali, Savio (Kudus 61), Gallagher (Fernandes 84), Tel (Mudryk 74), Marmoush (Solanke 84). Subs not used: Dubravka, Senesi, Gray, Bergvall. Booked: Fernandes, Udogie.

PLAYED FRIDAY

IPSWICH (0) 0 — **LIVERPOOL (2) 2**
Att 30,019 — **Isak 6, 9**

Ipswich: Scherpen, O'Shea, Diop, Greaves, Davis, Lukic, Palacios (Ouattara 78), Fatawu (McAteer 79), Enciso, Maeda (Clarke 66), Emerson (Fleming 66). Subs not used: Walton, Furlong, Kipre, Fiorentino, Nunez. Booked: Enciso.

Liverpool: Alisson, Araujo, Jacquet, van Dijk, Kerkez, Szoboszlai, Mac Allister (Nyoni 84), Munoz (Barcola 64), Wirtz (Koumas 90), Gakpo, Isak (Gravenberch 64). Subs not used: Mamardashvili, Endo, Tsimikas, Frimpong, Ngumoha. Booked: Jacquet, Kerkez, Mac Allister.

LEADING SCORERS

Fernandes	(Man Utd)	3
Isak	(Liverpool)	3
Haaland	(Man City)	3

ASSISTS

Gakpo	(Liverpool)	3

FITS AND STARTS

TOTTENHAM have failed to win in their opening three games for the seventh time in the Prem era — but on the six previous occasions, they have gone on to finish in the top half of the table.

Opponents Forest are also winless after three matches, for the very first time in their Prem history.

WHEN SPURS HAVE FAILED TO WIN FIRST THREE GAMES IN PREM ERA

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Final pos
1992-93	0	2	1	2	4	2	8th
1995-96	0	1	2	2	5	1	8th
2001-02	0	2	1	2	3	2	9th
2008-09	0	1	2	3	5	1	8th
2012-13	0	2	1	3	4	2	5th
2015-16	0	2	1	3	4	2	3rd
2026-27	0	1	2	0	5	1	N/A

IS ON struggling Spurs

also gone all-in on his transfer vision with £92.5m Sandro Tonali, £75m Savio, £85m Mateus Fernandes and more, so it is very much in their best interests that this costly rebuild works.

There were signs of improvement at Forest, defensively at least.

De Zerbi's team looked far more organised and up for the fight, compared to their last away game when they were battered 3-0 by Brentford on the opening day.

Just picking up a draw at Forest – even without scoring – is progress, given Spurs had lost their last four against the Tricky Trees previously.

Keeper Antonin Kinsky *(right)* said: "From the defensive point of view, well done.

"The zero [goals conceded] at the final result speaks to that.

"The intensity and everything we put in was different to the last games and different in a way that it has to look like this all the time.

"I think we can be happy with this and we can build from that.

"I'm pretty sure that it will change for us and it will start to go the way that we want."

There is an understanding across the club that this will all take time to gel – for De Zerbi's new side to find its "soul", as he puts it.

For Forest, powerhouse new striker Liam Delap had an encouraging full debut following his £50m move from Chelsea.

The physical, 6ft 2in centre-forward gave the Tottenham centre-backs a real workout and caught the eye with an inch-perfect ball through to Morgan Gibbs-White, who was narrowly offside.

With England having no obvious young strikers ready to take the torch from Harry Kane one day, it is in the nation's best interests that Delap, 23, be a success at the City Ground.

His boss Oliver Glasner said: "He worked very hard. You want him to get more into good positions but it was absolutely fine for his first performance for us."

SPURRING 'EM ON . . . but De Zerbi knows he needs more from his new-look side

10 THERE have been ten draws in the Premier League so far this season — with a total of six at the weekend — the most at this stage of a campaign since 2015-16 (11). The highest after three Prem matchdays is 14 in 1998-99.

THE WEEK AHEAD

(7.45 unless stated)

TONIGHT

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE
Bromley v AFC Wimbledon 8.0

TOMORROW

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - LEAGUE STAGE
AEK Athens v LASK 5.45
B Dortmund v Villarreal 8.0
Club Brugge v Aston Villa 5.45
FC Porto v Man City 8.0
Lille v Real Betis 8.0
Real Madrid v Inter Milan 8.0

CARABAO CUP THIRD ROUND
Bournemouth v Lincoln City .....
Crystal Palace v Middlesbrough ..
Leyton Orient v Bradford .....
Millwall v Newcastle 8.0
Sunderland v Hull .....

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
Blackburn v Sheff Utd .....
Bolton v West Ham 8.0
Cardiff v Stoke .....
Southampton v Swansea .....
Watford v Preston .....
Wrexham v Burnley .....

EFL TROPHY NORTHERN GROUP H - Doncaster v Huddersfield (7.0).

EFL TROPHY SOUTHERN GROUP A - Exeter v Tottenham Hotspur U21 (7.0).

KDM EVOLUTION TROPHY - Airdrieonians v St Mirren U21, Annan Athletic v Motherwell U21, Banks ODee v Forfar, Berwick v Hibernian U21, Clyde v East Fife, Clydebank v Alloa, Cove Rangers v Dumbarton, Cowdenbeath v Kilmarnock U21, Cumbernauld Colts v Kelty Hearts, East Kilbride v Bonnyrigg Rose, Edinburgh City v Queen of South, Elgin v Fraserburgh, Formartine United v Dundee Utd U21, Gala Fairydean v Hearts U21, Montrose v Dundee U21, Peterhead v Clachnacuddin, Ross County v Aberdeen U21, Spartans v Hamilton, Stirling v Rangers U21.

ENTERPRISE NORTH - AFC Telford v Oxford City, Buxton v Brackley, Chester FC v Merthyr Tn, Chorley v Darlington, Harborough Tn v Hereford FC, King's Lynn Tn v Hednesford Tn, Macclesfield FC v Scarborough Athletic, Radcliffe v Hebburn Tn, South Shields v Marine, Southport v Morecambe, Spennymoor Tn v Spalding Utd, Worksop Tn v Bedford Tn.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH - Chesham Utd v Billericay, Dag & Red v Dover, Dorking Wanderers v Chelmsford, Ebbsfleet United v Hemel Hempstead, Folkestone Invicta v Horsham, Hampton & Richmond v Farnborough, Maidenhead Utd v Torquay, Salisbury FC v Slough, Tonbridge Angels v Maidstone Utd, Weston-S-Mare v AFC Totton.

WEDNESDAY

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - LEAGUE STAGE
Barcelona v Feyenoord 5.45
Liverpool v Atletico Madrid 8.0
Napoli v Arsenal 8.0
PSG v Slovan Bratislava 8.0
Sporting v Galatasaray 8.0
Stuttgart v Viking FK 5.45

CARABAO CUP THIRD ROUND
Chelsea v Leeds 8.0

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
Charlton v QPR 8.0
Derby v West Brom .....
Norwich v Birmingham .....

WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH PREMIERSHIP
Rangers v St Mirren .....
St Johnstone v Celtic 8.0

THURSDAY

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - LEAGUE STAGE
Bayern Munich v Bodo/Glimt . 8.0
Como v RB Leipzig 8.0
Fenerbahce v Roma 5.45
Man Utd v Sabah Baku 8.0
PSV v Shakhtar Donetsk 5.45
Slavia Prague v Lens 8.0

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE
Stevenage v Luton 8.0

FRIDAY

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
West Ham v Wrexham 8.0

PREMIER SPORTS CUP QUARTER-FINAL
Stenhousemuir v Hearts .....

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL - Kidderminster v Hartlepool.

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP - Morton v Livingston (7.30).

WELSH PREMIER - Airbus UK Broughton v The New Saints FC, Ammanford v Caernarfon Tn, Barry Tn United v Llandudno, Cambrian United v Holywell Tn, Flint Tn United v Cardiff Met Uni, Haverfordwest County v Briton Ferry, Trefelin BGC v Penybont.

(3.0 unless stated)

SATURDAY

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE
West Ham v London City 12.45

PREMIER LEAGUE
Bournemouth v Brentford .....
Aston Villa v Nottm Forest .....
Chelsea v Hull .....
Crystal Palace v Ipswich .....
Liverpool v Fulham .....
Sunderland v Arsenal 8.0
Tottenham v Everton 5.30

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
Blackburn v Millwall .....
Bolton v Cardiff 12.30
Charlton v Portsmouth .....
Derby v Birmingham 12.30
Middlesbrough v Norwich .....
Preston v Lincoln City .....
Southampton v Bristol City .....
Swansea v Burnley .....
Watford v Stoke .....
West Brom v QPR 12.30

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE
AFC Wimbledon v Doncaster .....
Blackpool v Bromley .....
Cambridge Utd v Reading .....
Leyton Orient v Wycombe .. 12.30
Mansfield v Huddersfield .....
MK Dons v Peterborough .....
Notts County v Bradford 12.30
Oxford Utd v Burton Albion .....
Plymouth v Barnsley .....
Sheff Wed v Wigan .....
Stockport County v Leicester .....

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO
Barnet v Accrington .....
Colchester v Crewe .....
Crawley v Cheltenham 12.30
Gillingham v Tranmere .....
Grimsby v Bristol Rovers 12.30
Newport Cty v Fleetwood Town.
Oldham v Chesterfield .....
Port Vale v Exeter .....
Rotherham v Salford City .....
Shrewsbury v Northampton .....
Walsall v Rochdale .....
York v Swindon .....

PREMIER SPORTS CUP QUARTER-FINALS
Kilmarnock v Aberdeen 5.45
Ross County v Hibernian .....

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP - Ayr v Inverness CT, Dunfermline v Queen's Park, Raith v Arbroath.

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE ONE - Airdrieonians v Alloa, East Kilbride v Peterhead, Montrose v Cove Rangers, Queen of South v East Fife, Ross County v Hamilton.

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO - Annan Athletic v Elgin, Clyde v Kelty Hearts, Edinburgh City v Stirling, Spartans v Forfar, Stranraer v Dumbarton.

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL - Boston Utd v Wealdstone, Carlisle v Southend (5.30), Eastleigh v Boreham Wood, FC Halifax v Hornchurch, Forest Green v Gateshead, Harrogate Tn v Tamworth (12.30), Solihull Moors v Aldershot, Sutton Utd v Scunthorpe, Woking v Altrincham, Worthing v Barrow (12.30), Yeovil v AFC Fylde.

ENTERPRISE NORTH - Buxton v Chester FC, Harborough Tn v AFC Telford, Hebburn Tn v Hednesford Tn, Hereford FC v South Shields, King's Lynn Tn v Chorley, Marine v Darlington, Morecambe v Brackley, Radcliffe v Oxford City, Scarborough Athletic v Merthyr Tn, Spalding Utd v Bedford Tn, Spennymoor Tn v Macclesfield FC, Worksop Tn v Southport.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH - AFC Totton v Slough, Braintree Tn v Maidstone Utd, Ebbsfleet United v Salisbury FC, Farnborough v Dover, Folkestone Invicta v Farnham Tn, Hampton & Richmond v Chelmsford, Hemel Hempstead v Tonbridge Angels, Horsham v Chesham Utd, Maidenhead Utd v Billericay, Torquay v Dorking Wanderers, Truro City v Walton & Hersham, Weston-S-Mare v Dag & Red.

ISTHMIAN PREMIER - AFC Whyteleafe v Stanway Rovers, Aveley v Leatherhead, Burgess Hill Tn v Ramsgate, Carshalton Ath v Dartford, Chatham Tn v Lewes, Dulwich v Brentwood Tn, Eastbourne Borough v Cheshunt, Enfield Town v Cray Wanderers, Maldon & Tiptree v Whitehawk, St Albans v Three Bridges, Welling v Wingate & Finchley.

NORTHERN PREMIER - Ashton Utd v Cleethorpes Tn, Bamber Bridge v Alfreton Tn, Bury FC v Emley AFC, FC United of Manchester v Warrington Tn, Gainsborough Trinity v AVRO, Guiseley v Quorn, Hyde Utd v Whitby Tn, Lancaster City v Curzon Ashton, Redcar Athletic v Leek Tn, Warrington Rylands v Stockton Tn, Workington v Ilkeston Tn.

SOUTHERN PREMIER CENTRAL - Alvechurch v Stamford, Banbury Utd v Leiston, Bishop's Stortford v Leamington, Bromsgrove Sporting v Bury Tn, Halesowen Tn v Leighton Tn, Hitchin Tn v Stourbridge, Kettering v Stratford Tn, Needham Market v Worcester City, Peterborough Sports v Rushall Olympic, Racing Club Warwick v Anstey Nomads, Real Bedford v Redditch Utd.

SOUTHERN PREMIER SOUTH - Bath City v Chippenham, Chertsey Tn v Malvern Tn, Evesham Utd v Berkhamsted , Frome Tn v Hanwell Tn, Gloucester v Basingstoke Tn, Gosport Borough v Taunton Tn, Hanworth Villa v Yate Tn, Havant and W v Poole Tn, Sholing v Plymouth Parkway, Uxbridge v Chichester City, Wimborne Tn v Bracknell Tn.

WELSH PREMIER - Colwyn Bay v Connah's Quay Nomads (5.30).

SUNDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE
Coventry v Brighton 2.0
Man Utd v Man City 4.30

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP
Sheff Utd v Wolves 12.0

PREMIER SPORTS CUP QUARTER-FINAL
Rangers v Celtic 12.0

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE
Arsenal v Crystal Palace 2.45
Aston Villa v Man City 6.30
Birmingham City v Brighton... 2.0
Everton v Charlton 2.0
Liverpool v Tottenham 2.0
Man Utd v Chelsea 12.0

MONDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE
Leeds v Newcastle 8.0

ISTHMIAN PREMIER - Aveley v Wingate & Finchley.

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Goals

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JUST CHIL IN

Hendo hails brilliant Ben's leadership

BEN CHILWELL has wasted no time making his presence felt on and off the pitch at Crystal Palace.

Defender Chilwell scored the winning goal just three minutes into his second debut for the Eagles after signing on transfer deadline day last Tuesday.

The vastly experienced campaigner was bombed out by Chelsea and is now back in the Premier League following a year in French exile at their sister club Strasbourg.

But Chilwell, 29, has been an instant hit again at Selhurst Park as a strong voice and big personality in the dressing room.

Eagles captain Dean Henderson (right) said: "Two days in the building and he has been fantastic.

"We had him a couple of seasons ago and that was when we were at our most successful.

"He is just great to have around. He is a leader in the group and has a lot of experience to give.

"I know that anyway. It is always good to have someone I know as well to bounce ideas off and he has been through it all – the highs and the lows.

"He is a great addition to the group. He loved his time before here, and always speaks fondly of it, and we are there for him again to go and shine.

"He showed here what a good player he is and it works both ways."

Chilwell was stripped of his dignity by former club Chelsea, who banished him to train with their infamous 'bomb squad' alongside other players considered surplus to requirements.

Resilience enabled him to join Palace on loan in 2025 and go on to win the FA Cup with them before being sold permanently to Strasbourg. He sneaked back into English football on a free transfer – having cost the Blues £50m from Leicester back in 2020.

ANDREW DILLON on FULHAM 2 CRYSTAL PALACE 3

Chilwell won the Champions League in his first season with Chelsea under then-boss Thomas Tuchel, who was sitting high up in Craven Cottage's Riverside Stand running the rule over the match in his latest role as England head coach.

The German was probably not expecting to leave the ground impressed by the domineering performances of Palace's **TWO** left-backs.

Chilwell came on for Tyrick Mitchell, 27, who had already scored two goals.

The left-back position is sometimes troubling for England. Both players are English with international experience. You can see where this is going.

Palace's Three Lions keeper Henderson, 29, said: "Yes, 100 per cent for both of them. They are going to have to help each other.

"There is a big game load this season and they will both play their part. They are great guys and great players.

"Tyrick always turns up week in, week out and wears his heart on his sleeve for this club. He has been a tremendous servant throughout the years but goes under the radar.

"It was probably the worst we have played all season with the ball.

"But we dug in and fought like mad and when we got in front, we got it over the line. The first win is always the hardest."

Fulham star Alex Iwobi's big day was overshadowed by a third straight league defeat which leaves them second from bottom.

Josh King and Cesar Palacios twice gave Alvaro Arbeloa's hosts the lead, only to blow it twice, too.

Midfielder Iwobi was booed off late on after joining a band of four other players to have racked up 100 Premier League games for three different clubs.

And that treatment must have tested the emotions of the former Arsenal and Everton man.

Stalwarts Gareth Barry, the late Gary Speed, James Milner and Rory Delap are the others to have reached this milestone.

And Iwobi, 30, declared: "The recognition is nice but I want Fulham to achieve something.

"It would have been better to celebrate with a win but one thing about me, I always make sure I am ready to play – no matter what.

"I would like to give thanks to all the managers that have trusted me enough to let me play. I still have a lot more to give and will keep on going.

"This is a hard one to take. We didn't deserve that. I can understand the frustration but we can't boo ourselves and that wouldn't achieve anything."

BIG SHOUT OUT . . . Chilwell roars with joy after grabbing Eagles' winner after fellow left-back Mitchell (inset) scored a double

THEY'VE ALL TON IT

ALEX IWOBI became only the fifth player to play 100 Premier League games for three different clubs.

PLAYERS WHO HAVE 100+ PREM APPEARANCES FOR THREE DIFFERENT CLUBS

ALEX IWOBI
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GARETH BARRY
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GARY SPEED
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JAMES MILNER
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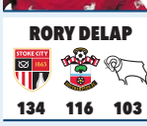

RORY DELAP
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OUT OF TOUCH

ONLY five Prem teams have had more touches in the opposition box on record than Fulham's 64 and lost.

MOST TOUCHES IN OPP BOX BUT STILL LOST PREM GAME (From 2008-09)

	Touches	Final result
Dec 7, 2019 MAN CITY v Man Utd	79	1-2
Feb 1, 2026 ASTON VILLA v Brentford	77	0-1
Dec 28, 2023 ARSENAL v West Ham	77	0-2
Aug 26, 2023 BRIGHTON v West Ham	68	1-3
Dec 28, 2021 Leicester v LIVERPOOL	67	1-0
SEP 5, 2026 FULHAM v Crystal Palace	64	2-3

FUL STOP

FULHAM have lost each of their first three games of a top-flight campaign for just the third time – they were relegated on both previous occasions.

WHEN FULHAM HAVE LOST IN EACH OF THEIR OPENING THREE TOP-FLIGHT GAMES

1951-52
L L L L
Final position: **22nd (R)**

2020-21
L L L L
Final position: **18th (R)**

2026-27
L L L *
Final position: **N/A**
*Still running

Arbeloa

TAVERNIER . . . anguish

I Tav to take the blame

By GARY STONEHOUSE

MARCUS TAVERNIER said he was at fault for Bournemouth's latest Premier League collapse.

The Cherries blew a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 at Newcastle after missing a host of chances.

They are the only side in Prem history to score the first goal in their opening three matches and not seal a victory.

And they have now lost 29 POINTS from winning positions since the start of last season.

Winger Tavernier, 27, broke the deadlock but went on to squander FOUR other opportunities at St James' Park.

He said: "I came in after the game feeling frustrated I could have taken another chance to help us take three points.

"It comes from us as an entire squad, it's not just the back line. We had big chances in the first half.

"Not being able to keep the lead is something we are working on.

"We can't keep not seeing games out."

The result left new boss Marco Rose still searching for a first top-flight win.

His attention now switches to tomorrow's home Carabao Cup third round clash with Lincoln.

Tavernier added: "The manager has been good for us.

"Despite the disappointments, he's taking positives from the games. This is a big week for us.

"We need to build some momentum. We move on to Tuesday looking to put things right."

CHERRIES PICKED

BOURNEMOUTH have gone 1-0 up in all three games and failed to win any.

CHERRIES IN PREM THIS SEASON

Pts dropped from winning position

AUG 23 Man City (a)	Leading 1-0 L 2-1	3
AUG 29 Everton (h)	Leading 1-0 D 1-1	2
AUG 23 Newcastle (a)	Leading 2-0 D 2-2	2

MOST PREM POINTS DROPPED FROM WINNING POSITIONS THIS SEASON

7 4 3 3 3

MAL WARE . . . Thiaw puts through his own net for Bournemouth's second goal

Change yer Toon

JAISSLE MUST TACKLE ISSUES

GARY STONEHOUSE on NEWCASTLE 2 BOURNEMOUTH 2

IT MAY smell like Toon spirit but Newcastle cannot keep playing with fire.

Jacob Ramsey's rescue act against Bournemouth kept momentum going for "brave" new Newcastle.

But for all the renewed optimism on Tyneside under Matthias Jaissle following a summer of change at St James' Park, some problems remain.

For the second straight game, the Mags scored from their only two shots on target.

While that tells its own story, the £51million arrival of Matias Fernandez-Pardo offers a solution.

The versatile Belgian was the No1 target to fill the void by the £60.6m departure of last season's top scorer Anthony Gordon to Barcelona.

The club feel he could be used as a No9 with the rejuvenated Yoane Wissa behind him.

That combo may spark things up top but Jaissle has a number of issues further back.

Until the fragility of his midfield is sorted, the Toon Army may have to forget about qualifying for any European adventures.

The fact Newcastle have conceded 74 shots across his first four matches – albeit all ending without defeat – must worry the German.

The process of replacing the experience of Gordon, defender Kieran Trippier and midfielder Sandro Tonali with young guns was always going to require patience.

And despite months of planning from sporting director Ross Wilson, the exit of skipper Bruno Guimaraes in the middle of the park ensured even more bumps in the road as the Magpies rebuild.

Wilson admitted: "It was always in the plan Gordon would move on.

"It was pretty clear for most of the second part of last season that Tonali was going to move on.

"As was well documented, Guimaraes wasn't a transfer we were really comfortable with.

"Football is all about reacting to different challenges.

"That was a new challenge for us but one hopefully we reacted to as part of our plan.

"I don't think it was so much about changing the strategy, it was just about making sure we had a really clear strategy.

"We went into the summer with a clear plan, which we executed almost to its entirety. A couple of things were different that we didn't expect along the way, but we wanted to be clear in terms of our profiles.

"We recruited eight players between the ages of 18 and 24.

"That was definitely the plan we wanted to go forward with."

Two of those replacements – right-back Amar Dedic and midfielder Nico Gonzalez – were rightly lauded for their performances in the 2-0 win at Newcastle.

However, both were shaky against the Cherries.

But striker Wissa, a flop last term under Eddie Howe after his £55m arrival from Brentford, claimed last week that Jaissle was Newcastle's "best signing" of the summer, following the former manager's departure.

And the strapping 38-year-old coach could yet prove all Toon's doubters wrong by getting them back battling for Europe.

Ramsey's last-ditch leveller was the fourth goal from a substitute under him already.

So far, his changes have proved game-changing.

And that ability to recognise an issue and quickly address it could be an ace up the sleeve.

Wilson said: "We had a very talented coach here in Eddie Howe.

"Part of your job when you are a sporting director is to look at a very talented coach and say, 'This guy might move on at some point, so we've got to be ready for that'.

"We began the process early in my tenure here to have a clear succession plan for what we might do.

"We had a clear profile of what we wanted – and when you see Matthias working with us now, you can probably articulate that profile yourself.

"He definitely meets that word 'brave'."

It is not only the new boys looking to impress. Saturday's hero Ramsey struggled under Howe following his £40m move from Aston Villa just over a year ago.

He saved the day in the 88th minute by rifling home on the rebound after Harvey Barnes' initial shot had been blocked.

Barnes had sparked Newcastle's revival from 2-0 down as he cut inside Tyler Adams and curled a 37th-minute beauty past Djordje Petrovic. That came after Marcus Tavernier stabbed the Cherries into a ninth-minute lead before Alex Scott's shot deflected in off Malick Thiaw for the second.

Match-saver Ramsey believes Jaissle has injected more fighting spirit into the Magpies.

The 25-year-old said: "Last season we would probably lose that game.

"We'd probably equalise, and then they score late on. So that's a big improvement.

"Look at the manager on the touchline.

"He's full of energy, full of positivity, and that reflects on to the players.

"It's a new voice. Some lads have been here for quite a while.

"Obviously Eddie was here for five years and did a really big job.

"Sometimes it's good to have a fresh voice – a fresh start for everyone."

Ramsey knows the departures of Guimaraes and Tonali in particular have given him an opportunity.

He added: "If you're looking from the outside, with two big players leaving in my position, it's time for me to step up now."

THE EX FACTOR

FORMER attacking winger **TOMMY HUTCHISON**, 78, talks about his old clubs Manchester City (1980-82) and Coventry City (1972-80).

Bright Lamp

I WAS hugely proud of my old team Coventry at the Etihad on Saturday.

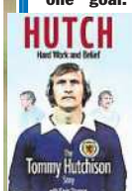
I saw so many pre-match predictions with talk of Manchester City getting four, five or six goals. But Frank Lampard's side can take so much out of their performance.

They had their opportunities too, which at Premier League level you HAVE to take.

No one was expecting them to get anything out of trips to Arsenal and City in their first three games — it's been a tough baptism.

I was at the CBS Arena for the opening home defeat against Hull, which is one they have to learn from.

Hull allowed the Sky Blues to have all the possession — nearly 70 per cent — but made the most of their opportunities, with two shots on target and one goal. They deserve real credit for that.



In boss Lampard I think Coventry have the right man, who won't be fazed by any team.

It's an old cliche but 17th place or above represents a trophy win for Cov this season. The most refreshing aspect is that the club is now in such good hands with a quality hierarchy, a ground they own and a very experienced manager.

I understand my other old club Manchester City are on another level and could run a second team who would arguably finish in the top half of the Premier League, too.

Manager Enzo Maresca was right to say they won ugly. They'll take 1-0 and a 100 per cent record after three games.

Had Cov buried those chances, it might have been a different story.

● HUTCH Hard Work and Belief: The Tommy Hutchison Story (Pitch Publishing, £25)

Interview: RUSSELL LANNING

ERL'S OF WISDOM

CITY'S winning goal against Coventry was the 300th by Erling Haaland in his senior club career.

HAALAND'S 300 TOP-FLIGHT CLUB GOALS

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-22	2022-
	Molde	RB Salzburg	B Dortmund	Man City
GAMES	50	27	89	202
GOALS	20	29	86	165

368 GAMES

300 GOALS

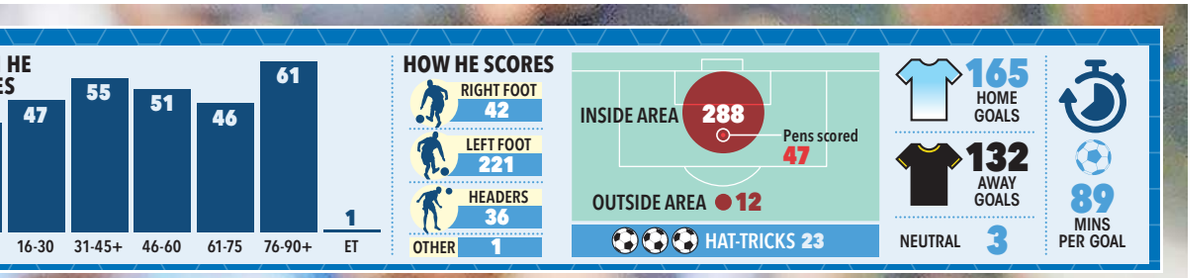
WHEN SCORE

39

0-15min

Buys them some time

EXPENSIVE MIDFIELD'S PROMISING FLASHES



ILIMAN NDIAYE already knows he "belongs" – but then Enzo Fernandez, Elliot Anderson and Ayyoub Bouaddi could all say the same, too.

For while the third successive Prem win of the Enzo Maresca era was often not pretty – as the new Manchester City boss admitted – there were plenty of beautiful and promising moments.

This is a team in transition and completed last week with the arrivals of Ndiaye at £65million and £125m Fernandez, taking the outlay for the quartet to £392m.

Not forgetting that Maresca *(right)* was overseeing only his third Prem game since replacing Pep Guardiola – and he cost another £17m from Chelsea.

But ugly as the Italian admitted City's 1-0 home win over promoted Coventry on Saturday was, a boost heading into tomorrow's Champions League opener at Porto had been gained.

A platform for success is quickly being built, even if Frank Lampard's determined Sky Blues showed it is still a bit rickety.

There were plenty of positives to take from a clash decided by Erling Haaland's magnificent first-half header, not least the contribution of playmaker Fernandez.

His pass to release Antoine Semenyo down the right flank to deliver the crucial cross showed cunning vision, while there was also a near-instant rapport with the cheeky chappie that is Rayan Cherki.

Fernandez *(left)* only had 35 minutes of football under his belt so far this term as a sub in Chelsea's 3-2 win over Fulham and – but for Nico O'Reilly suffering back pain in the warm-up – would have started on the bench.

But he looked right at home as he darted into challenges, passed cleverly and – Argie wind-up merchant or not – the Blue Moon brigade loved his aggression.

KEN LAWRENCE on MANCHESTER CITY 1 COVENTRY 0

Anderson, at £116m, is now settling in fast as a passing metronome who completed almost all of his 155 despatches.

And fellow midfielder Bouaddi, just 18, replaced Fernandez in the 77th minute with the game still in the balance – but the £86m kid doing a maths and science degree kept it simple.

Senegal ace Ndiaye, 26, had no such grand designs as the Moroccan, at the same age he was at Boreham Wood and played Sunday League football with Rising Ballers of Kensington.

His journey has been a tough one after signing for Sheffield United in 2019, going on loan at Hyde United then to Marseille and Everton.

If anybody showed how they appreciated the good fortune presented them, it was the former Toffees ace at the end of a week in which he could also have pitched up at Spurs.

His debut ended in crippling cramp and he joked: "Yes, I did run my backside off for the team!

"I have worked hard to get to this point but – speaking to my wife before I got here – I kept saying this is what I want, to be at a club this size and playing in the Champions League.

"I think everyone knows it's been a long journey but I don't really look back on it.

"I just look to the future and I will never stop trying to make progress.

"This is the next step. I'm at one of the biggest clubs in the world with world-class players, and the fans are brilliant.

"During the week I wasn't panicking, it was just whatever club comes then you decide on your future.

"But I spoke to Enzo. He was someone that admired me and when he came through there was only one direction that I wanted to go in.

"It was difficult to leave Everton. I created a great connection between me the players and fans but you have to move on sometimes.

"That's how football is and now this is where I feel I belong."

Cov, last season's Championship champions, may have lost their first three league games but they did not play like relegation fodder and produced plenty of scares.

Sub Ellis Simms was only denied a late equaliser by Gianluigi Donnarumma's face and early on Taiwo Awoniyi failed one on one against the Italy keeper.

Lampard's men began their campaign with a 3-0 reality check loss at the Emirates.

But the Sky Blues boss was right to declare: "Arsenal two weeks ago felt like our first game in the Prem for 25 years.

"This didn't feel like that at all and we are growing into being part of it."

CITY CENTRE . . . Bouaddi (far left), Ndiaye (left) and Anderson (right) arrived for big fees this summer to star in Maresca's new-look midfield

SHOT IN THE DARK

ASTON VILLA have only registered one shot on target in their three Premier League games this season — the lowest on record.

The previous fewest was three by five teams, including Villa in 2005, but only two of the previous five — Swansea and Huddersfield — went on to go down.

FEWEST SHOTS ON TARGET IN OPENING THREE PREM GAMES (Since 2003-04)

ELLIOT ANDERSON completed more passes (143) for Manchester City on Saturday than the entire Coventry team combined (139).

IN THEIR OWN WHITE

LEEDS have only lost one of their last 12 games in the Premier League (W5 D6) — excluding promoted teams, no side have lost fewer in the competition in this period (since March 15).

LEEDS' LAST 12 PREM GAMES

Mar 15	C Palace (a)	D 0-0
Mar 21	Brentford (h)	D 0-0
Apr 13	Man Utd (a)	W 2-1
Apr 18	Wolves (h)	W 3-0
Apr 22	Bournemouth (a)	D 2-2
May 1	Burnley (h)	W 3-1
May 11	Tottenham (a)	D 1-1
May 17	Brighton (h)	W 1-0
May 24	West Ham (a)	L 3-0
Aug 22	Nottm Forest (a)	W 1-0
Aug 30	Brentford (h)	D 1-1
Sep 5	Brighton (a)	D 1-1

TOTTENHAM sold defender Luka Vuskovic to Brighton — after scoring on Saturday, he has more Prem goals this term than his old club.

PREM HERRO

BRIGHTON'S Pascal Gross became only the fourth German player to reach 250 Premier League appearances.

Germany is the 14th nation to have a quartet of players reach the 250-game milestone in the competition.

GERMANS WITH MOST PREM APPEARANCES

Robert Huth	322
Dietmar Hamann	268
Bernd Leno	254
PASCAL GROSS	250
Ilkay Gundogan	221
Mesut Ozil	184
Kai Havertz	165
Vitaly Janelt	164
Per Mertesacker	156
Jens Lehmann	148

SPOT OF DANGER

BRENTFORD have given away more penalties than any other side in the Premier League since the start of last season (9), conceding from six of them.

Burnley and West Ham are next on the list — despite being relegated in May.

MOST PREM PENALTIES CONCEDED SINCE THE START OF LAST SEASON

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LEEDING MAN . . . Bogle pounces to put visitors ahead

Farke's in Gud place

NICK SZCZEPANIK
on BRIGHTON 1 LEEDS 1

LEEDS proved they are more streetwise this season, claims defender Gabriel Gudmundsson.

The Swedish wing-back, playing his first match of the campaign after a hamstring issue in pre-season, was part of a dominant away display . . . for about the first hour.

Then Brighton found a leveller and looked the more likely winners – but Daniel Farke's men hung on to stay unbeaten.

Gudmundsson *(below)* reckons that would not have happened a year ago. He said: "We showed really good resilience, fought well and took very good steps from last season.

"We would have lost that last season definitely, so it's just credit to everyone.

"With a little bit of luck, maybe we could have had the three points.

"We got some really good confidence from the last two games, so knew what was going to happen at Brighton.

"We knew they were going to press us straight away but we stood up really well in the first half.

"And in the second half – when they had to hunt for the goal – we didn't just sit and defend the box.

"As I said, probably last year we would have lost that game, so it's a really good step in the right direction for the team."

On his injury woe, the ex-Lille man added: "I haven't played so much, of course, because of injury, so I'm happy to be back.

"The process starts now and we keep going, just trying to be better and better."

Leeds scored their first goal on Brighton soil since 2012 to lead through Jayden Bogle after 15 minutes.

And although Farke's side missed chances to extend that lead, they still looked on course for a first-ever win at the Amex.

That was until the Seagulls' £46million record signing Luka Vuskovic headed in Max De Cuyper's 71st-minute corner.

Vuskovic, 19, has replaced Jan Paul van Hecke alongside 34-year-old skipper Lewis Dunk in central defence.

And former England man Dunk insists the Croatia centre-back is a star of the future. Dunk said: "He has shown what he is about and I'm sure that he will get better and be a top defender.

"He's settling in really well with us and is only going to improve. He has hit the ground running.

"He has handled the Premier League well so far. We'll keep building the partnership."

Brighton were a little and large show as 5ft 7in man-of-the-match Malick Yalcouye, 20, outshone even 6ft 4in Vuskovic.

Signed from Gothenburg two years ago, Ivory Coast Under-23 midfielder Yalcouye only made the first team this season after loans to Sturm Graz and Swansea.

Dunk added: "He's been a breath of fresh air – a hungry kid who just wants to play.

"He's shy but he's a tough cookie. Luka is the biggest in the club but he'll run into him and smash him!"

SMART MALICK

Granit backs Fofana flair

GRANIT XHAKA believes deadline-day signing Malick Fofana is the dangerman Sunderland have been crying out for.

The Black Cats' £25.7million new boy made his debut off the bench at Brentford on Saturday afternoon – and his impact was immediate.

Chopping past Yehor Yarmolyuk on the left flank with time running out, Fofana sent a dangerous cross towards Wilson Isidor, who was dragged down by Keane Lewis-Potter.

Enzo Le Fee converted the 82nd-minute penalty to cancel out Vitaly Janelt's opener – but it was jet-heeled forward Fofana's ball in that put the Bees in bother to begin with.

Club captain Xhaka reckons that was just a taster of what fans can expect this season – and says 21-year-old Fofana will only improve as he gets used to his new surroundings.

The Swiss playmaker, 33, said: "He can go one-v-one, he takes risks in the last part of the pitch, he does not dribble, come back and start again. He dribbles and looks for the goal.

"That is what we need. A lot of wingers make the difference in the Premier League and this is what we wanted. He's a great player. We didn't have a player like him in our team.

"For sure, he can have a big impact. He has the quality – and a quality team around him.

"Now it's just about getting connected to us as quickly as possible.

"He needs time to adapt but he has settled very well. We are trying to help him as quickly as possible and we are looking forward to the next game."

Sunderland chiefs convinced Fofana to sign an hour before Tuesday night's deadline – after Crystal Palace attempted to hijack their deal with Ligue 1 side Lyon.

The left-winger was waiting in France with two private jets on standby, one bound for London, the other for the North East.

After much pondering, he opted for Wearside, with Sunderland owner Kyril Louis-Dreyfus flying out to convince him – and to supervise the final stages of the move.

After his bright cameo at the Gtech, Fofana *(above)* said: "Sunderland believe in me so I'm happy to sign here.

"The club really showed that they wanted me. I also spoke with the coach and everyone else.

"I am very happy. I know my qualities and I am here to help the team. I want to add value to the club and have a great season."

Black Cats boss Regis Le Bris could give Fofana his first start against Hull in the Carabao Cup tomorrow night.

Le Bris is clear about what he wants from his wide players and believes the Belgian international has the ability to get bums off seats.

The Frenchman explained: "The wingers are a little bit special. We feel this confidence with Malick and with Nilson Angulo as well.

"You feed them and they face the pressure. You just think, 'Something will happen here'.

"They need to have this confidence and they have both shown their quality. I hope that Malick is going to be really positive for us."

CHARLIE GORDON
on BRENTFORD 1 SUNDERLAND 1

Enzo's spot of redemption...

ENZO LE FEE earned the Black Cats a point with an ice-cool late penalty at the Gtech.

And it was a big moment for the French midfielder — as he made up for his botched Panenka spot-kick *(inset)* in their January defeat at the same ground.

High Tigers OF THE

SLATER STAY-UP PLEA

HULL OF AN EFFORT . . . Slater harries Ross Barkley in Saturday's 0-0 draw with Villa

ALAM KHAN on HULL 0 ASTON VILLA 0

HULL are in seventh heaven after defying hellish Prem predictions — but midfielder Regan Slater has warned not to let standards slip.

Widely tipped for an immediate drop, the Tigers have enjoyed a surprise unbeaten start to the season.

It has included four points against two top-four sides last season in Manchester United and Aston Villa, with another three points for beating Coventry, who came up with Hull.

No newly-promoted side have been relegated after bagging seven points from their opening three Prem games.

While survival is the "end goal" for Slater, Blackburn finished fourth in the 1992-93 campaign and Nottingham Forest were third in 1994-95 after coming up and starting just as well.

Slater, 26, said: "I think all the lads have kind of taken it in their stride and are enjoying the challenge.

"It's important you get off to a good start. I've watched enough Premier League football — and if you don't do that, you can end up struggling.

"We've shown the standards we've set for ourselves, so we need to make sure we stick to that.

"I think our end goal needs to be staying in the Premier League. If we stay up, we've had a successful year."

A determined Tigers defence and third-successive clean sheet helped ensure Villa went three games without a win or a goal.

John McGinn and Emi Buendia wasted good chances, while Ross Barkley was denied his first goal since May.

And Hull almost snatched victory when Mohamed Belloumi curled a stunning effort against the bar, then Mohamed-Ali Cho and Oli McBurnie both went close with late opportunities.

Hull signed 18 players this summer — including six on deadline day — but Slater said he was busy playing Xbox rather than Googling new team-mates in a madcap end to the window.

He added: "If I'm being honest, a lot of the people we have signed, I wasn't aware of who they were, and they probably had no idea who I was.

"You obviously get to see what they're about when they get in the building and there have been some great characters brought in, along with a lot of quality.

"Everyone's putting a shift in and we're tough to beat at the minute."

Villa's summer overhaul included 11 new signings and the departures of England trio Morgan Rogers, Ollie Watkins and Ezri Konsa.

And their current struggles mirror last season's start, where they were winless and goalless after the first four games.

That campaign was sparked by a 1-0 Europa League win over Bologna — and Matty Cash is hoping for a repeat when they visit Club Brugge in tomorrow's Champions League opener.

The Poland full-back, 29, said: "It is going to be good. It's a quick turnaround and we've set our sights on that.

"Last season we struggled at the start and then started to pick it up.

"You don't want to make excuses — we know circumstances aren't great.

"But playing at this level, you have to deal with the pressure and turn it into a privilege. It's a new Villa and we are going to be fine, 100 per cent."

HULL-RAISER

NO Prem promoted side with seven or more points after three league games has been relegated.

PROMOTED SIDES WITH SEVEN OR MORE POINTS AFTER THREE PREM GAMES

Season	Team	Pts after 3 games	Final Pos
1994-94	Nottm Forest	7	3rd
1992-93	Blackburn	7	4th
2003-04	Portsmouth	7	13th
2001-02	Bolton	9	16th
2017-18	Huddersfield	7	16th
2026-27	Hull	7	N/A

Win's Sab-fab

SABAH KERJOTA scored in the 96th minute to seal a late comeback over ten-man Dundee.

Wycombe loanee Bradley Fink fired the visitors ahead with his first for the club after 17 minutes.

Hearts' Claudio Braga levelled from the spot with six minutes left following Owan Bevan's handball. Zan Besir was sent off in injury time for a high tackle on Josh McPake after a VAR intervention.

Jambos boss Wouter Vrancken said: "This is one of the basics in team sports — never give up."

Hearts...2 Dundee...1

KEV TRIBUTE

HAMBURG fans paid tribute to ex-star Kevin Keegan — who died aged 75 in July— with a giant tifo. Keegan won the 1978-79 Bundesliga at Hamburg, who lost 5-0 at home to Mainz yesterday.

ACTION ABROAD

LA LIGA

Real Betis 1 Real Madrid 0; Athletic Bilbao 3 Atletico Madrid 0; Rayo Vallecano 3 Racing Santander 2; Villarreal 2 Deportivo La Coruna 3; Alaves 5 Osasuna 2; Espanyol 1 Sevilla 1; Malaga 0 Levante 0; Valencia 0 Barcelona 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona	4	4	0	0	17	2	12
Alaves	4	3	1	0	10	3	10
Real Betis	4	3	0	1	5	5	9
Real Madrid	4	3	0	1	10	3	9
Deportivo	4	2	2	0	8	5	8
Atl Madrid	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Sevilla	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Osasuna	4	2	1	1	5	6	7
Ath Bilbao	4	2	0	2	6	5	6
Levante	4	1	2	1	5	5	5
Espanyol	4	1	1	2	6	5	4
R Santander	4	1	1	2	7	8	4
R Vallecano	4	1	1	2	7	10	4
Real Sociedad	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
Getafe	3	1	0	2	1	4	3
Villarreal	4	0	2	2	6	8	2
Celta Vigo	4	0	2	2	1	4	2
Malaga	4	0	2	2	1	7	2
Elche	3	0	1	2	3	9	1
Valencia	4	0	1	3	1	9	1

BUNDESLIGA

Stuttgart 4 Cologne 1; Bayer Leverkusen 4 Union Berlin 0; Borussia M'gladbach 3 Elversberg 4; Hoffenheim 2 Borussia Dortmund 3; Paderborn 0 Freiburg 1; Schalke 04 0 Bayern Munich 0; Werder Bremen 3 RB Leipzig 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 1 Augsburg 4; Hamburg 0 Mainz 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Augsburg	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Freiburg	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
B Dortmund	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Elversberg	2	2	0	0	7	5	6
Mainz	2	1	1	0	5	0	4
Bayern Munich	2	1	1	0	5	1	4
B Leverkusen	2	1	0	1	6	3	3
RB Leipzig	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Stuttgart	2	1	0	1	5	6	3
W Bremen	2	1	0	1	4	5	3
Cologne	2	1	0	1	4	6	3
Paderborn	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
E Frankfurt	2	0	1	1	4	7	1
Schalke 04	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Union Berlin	2	0	1	1	3	7	1
Hoffenheim	2	0	0	2	4	6	0
B M'gladbach	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
Hamburg	2	0	0	2	0	7	0

SERIE A

Genoa 1 Como 4; Fiorentina 1 Torino 2; Inter Milan 3 Napoli 2; Roma 2 Atalanta 1; Bologna 2 Sassuolo 2; Frosinone 3 Venezia 2; Juventus 1 AC Milan 1; Parma 1 Monza 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roma	3	3	0	0	10	1	9
Inter Milan	3	3	0	0	8	3	9
Como	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
AC Milan	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Juventus	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Lazio	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Frosinone	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
Atalanta	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Udinese	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Sassuolo	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Cagliari	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Lecce	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Napoli	3	1	0	2	5	5	3
Torino	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Bologna	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Parma	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Monza	3	0	1	2	4	8	1
Venezia	3	0	0	3	2	7	0
Genoa	3	0	0	3	1	7	0
Fiorentina	3	0	0	3	1	9	0

LIGUE 1

Lyon 3 Auxerre 1; PSG 1 Monaco 2; Le Havre 1 Brest 2; Lens 0 Lorient 1; Nice 1 Le Mans 1; Angers 1 Rennes 2; Marseille 2 Paris FC 3; Troyes 2 Strasbourg 6.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Monaco	3	3	0	0	5	1	9
Lyon	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Paris FC	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Lille	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Rennes	3	2	1	0	7	5	7
Strasbourg	3	2	0	1	8	7	6
Brest	3	1	2	0	6	5	5
Lorient	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Troyes	3	1	1	1	4	7	4
Lens	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
Marseille	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
Angers	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Le Mans	3	0	2	1	5	6	2
PSG	3	0	2	1	5	6	2
Nice	3	0	2	1	1	4	2
Le Havre	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Toulouse	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Auxerre	3	0	0	3	4	11	0

EREDIVISIE: Sparta 2 PEC Zwolle 2; Ajax 1 PSV 3; NEC 1 Feyenoord 3; Utrecht A Go Ahead Eagles A; Willem II 0 Excelsior 3; ADO Den Haag 2 Fortuna Sittard 3; Groningen 2 Twente 2; Heerenveen 2 AZ 3; Telstar 2 Cambuur 2.

SCOTLAND

PREMIERSHIP

ABERDEEN (0) 0 KILMARNCK (0) 0
Att: 14,824

DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 FALKIRK (1) 1
Forbes 90 Murrell 4
Att: 8,935

RANGERS (1) 1 MOTHERWELL (0) 0
Naderi 12
Att: 50,868

ST MIRREN (1) 1 CELTIC (0) 2
Agrafiotis 22 (pen) Scales 51
Att: 6,911 Yang 68

HEARTS (0) 2 DUNDEE (1) 1
Braga 84 (pen) Fink 17
Kerjota 90

ST JOHNSTNE (2) 2 HIBERNIAN (1) 1
Fowler 17, 41 (pen) Lowe 29

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	5	5	0	0	13	3	15
Hearts	5	4	0	1	12	5	12
St Mirren	5	3	1	1	8	5	10
Rangers	5	3	1	1	6	4	10
Motherwell	5	2	2	1	8	5	8
Dundee	6	2	1	3	7	6	7
St Johnstone	5	2	1	2	8	8	7
Hibernian	5	2	0	3	7	9	6
Dundee Utd	6	1	2	3	6	11	5
Aberdeen	5	1	1	3	2	7	4
Falkirk	5	0	2	3	3	7	2
Kilmarnock	5	0	1	4	4	14	1

CHAMPIONSHIP

ARBROATH (0) 1 DUNFERMLNE (0) 1
INVERNESS (0) 0 RAITH (1) 2
PARTICK (1) 1 AYR (0) 0
QUEEN'S PRK (1) 2 MORTON (1) 1
LIVINGSTON (0) 0 STENHSMUIR (1) 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stenh'muir	5	4	1	0	9	2	13
Partick	5	3	2	0	5	1	11
Raith	5	3	1	1	7	3	10
Arbroath	5	2	2	1	4	4	8
Livingston	5	2	0	3	4	4	6
Dunfermline	5	1	3	1	3	4	6
Ayr	5	1	2	2	4	5	5
Queen's Park	5	1	1	3	3	7	4
Inverness CT	5	0	3	2	2	6	3
Morton	5	0	1	4	3	8	1

LEAGUE ONE

Cove Rangers 1 Alloa 1, East Fife 2 Ross County 2, East Kilbride 0 Hamilton 1, Peterhead 0 Montrose 3, Queen of South 2 Airdrieonians 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamilton	6	5	1	0	12	0	16
Ross County	5	4	1	0	12	4	13
Alloa	6	2	3	1	7	3	9
Montrose	6	3	0	3	9	11	9
East Fife	6	1	4	1	5	4	7
East Kilbride	6	2	1	3	9	10	7
Peterhead	6	2	1	3	4	9	7
Cove Rangers	6	1	2	3	4	7	5
Queen of Sth	5	1	0	4	4	11	3
Airdrieonians	6	0	3	3	3	10	3

LEAGUE TWO

Clyde 3 Edinburgh City 2, Dumbarton 2 Elgin 1, Forfar 0 Stranraer 3, Kelty Hearts 2 Annan 1, Stirling 0 Spartans 2.

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BRO FAN ROW

By SIMON YAFFE

ARMANDO BROJA was confronted by furious Burnley fans after a 2-1 defeat to Bristol City.

Turf Moor turned toxic as goals from Rob Dickie and Yu Hirakawa kept the Clarets bottom of the Championship after Aaron Ramsey had given the hosts the lead.

Fans shouted at the flop striker near the players' car park. Broja *(left)*, 25, was heard to reply: "I've been rubbish for a year? I haven't played all year!"

He also shouted back "shut your f**g mouth" and implored the fans to be "respectful".**

Burnley declined to comment on the incident.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

BURNLEY (0) 1 BRISTOL CITY (0) 2
Ramsey 56 **Dickie 82, Hirakawa 90**

Burnley: Weiss, Walker, Ekdal (Ahmedhodzic 46), Alleyné, Sonne, Raghouber, Laurent, Ramsey (Mejbri 85), Hatate (Amdouni 63), Ramazani (Bruun Larsen 70), Hountondji (Broja 46). Subs not used: Coudert, Roberts, Castell, Igor. Booked: Broja, Ekdal, Walker.

Bristol City: Tickle, Cardines, Dickie, Eissat, Pring (Tanner 72), Knight, Williams, Wallace (Hirakawa 61), Yah (Ballard 62), Twine (Greenwood 72), Tolaj (Adebayo 80). Subs not used: Collins, Eile, Randell, Horvat.

LINCOLN CITY (0)1 SOUTHAMPTN (1) 1
Ladefoged 87 **Welington 44**
Att: 10,758

Lincoln City: Wickens, Elerewe, Bradley (Hackett 64), Towler, Coubis, Varfolomeyev (Konak 64), McGrandles (Bayliss 76), Reach, House (Ogbene 76), Street (Ladefoged 65), Draper. Subs not used: Gauci, Jeferies, Olaofe, Elder. Booked: Draper, McGrandles, Varfolomeyev.

Southampton: Peretz, Bree, Stephens, Schlotterbeck, Welington (Manning 78), Downes, Ward-Prowse, Matsuki (Wood-Gordon 84), Azaz (Dobbin 78), Scienza (Edozie 63), Larin (Mubama 62). Subs not used: Long, Abbott, Fellows, Bragg.

MILLWALL (1) 4 BOLTON (0) 0
Taylor 38
Dykes 83, 88
Neghli 90 **Att: 19,012**

Millwall: Crocombe, Osei-Tutu (Baggott 81), Taylor, Cooper, Sturge, Mazou-Sacko (Kelly 55), Metcalfe, Esse (Lovelace 65), Arconte (Issoufou 65), Neghli, Dykes. Subs not used: Marschall, Batth, Massey, Vieira, Parkes. Sent-off: Metcalfe.

Bolton: Bonham, Brunt, Forino-Joseph, Davies, Famewo (Conway 75), Simons (Hardie 76), Sheehan, Iling-Junior (Dong 60), McAtee (Rodrigues 46), Gale, Dalby (Bair 60). Subs not used: Bazunu, Toal, Erhahon, Nelson. Booked: Famewo. Sent-off: Sheehan.

PORTSMOUTH (1)2 CARDIFF (0) 0
Shaughnessy 31, Milovanovic 52 **Att: 20,459**

Portsmouth: Bielica, Devlin, Arthur, Shaughnessy, Meghoma (Swanson 65), Pack (Mohamed 90), Shein (Adams 65), Kamara, Segecic, Shade (Kavuma-McQueen 69), Milovanovic (Bishop 69). Subs not used: Schmid, Poole, Bailey, Kenny.

Cardiff: Trott, Ng, Bielik (Scanlon 90), Osho, Bagan, Robertson, Turnbull (J Colwill 63), Tanner (Ashford 83), Moylan, Willock (R Colwill 64), Salech. Subs not used: Tyrer, Turner, Tankiewicz, Kpakio, Robinson. Booked: Bielik, Robertson, Salech, Tanner.

PRESTON (2) 2 BLACKBURN (0) 1
Lang 9, 27 **Mills 51 (og)**
Att: 19,645

Preston North End: Iversen, Clarke, Storey, Gibson, Wiley (Vukcevic 59), Mills (Offiah 69), Leroy, Thompson, Devine (Gibbs 74), Lang (Kenny 59), Burgzorg (Erabi 59). Subs not used: Nicholls, Lindsay, Small, Moran. Booked: Burgzorg, Clarke, Mills, Thompson.

Blackburn: Pears, Montgomery, McLoughlin, Yuri Ribeiro, Alebiosu, Forshaw (Carter 64), Morsy (Higgins 74), Abqiyan (Fevrier 64), Morishita, Cantwell, Gudjohnsen. Subs not used: Goddard, Garrett, Pates, Vare, Houghton, Decandia. Booked: Morsy, Yuri Ribeiro.

QPR (0) 0 MIDDLESBRO' (1) 1
Lankshear 20
Att: 17,007

QPR: Charles, Mbengue, Dunne, Clarke-Salter (Kamara 67), Cirkin (Lamptey 67), Poku (Madsen 67), Vale, Edwards, Smyth (Saito 14), Kone (Burrell 39), Chair. Subs not used: Ward, Adamson, Varane, Lloyd. Booked: Kamara.

Middlesbrough: Vitek, Phillips (Ayling 72), Malanda, Borges, Britain, Berhalter, Pukstas 84), Morris, Arfsten (Jones 71), Joseph, McGree (Conway 55), Lankshear (Peart-Harris 55). Subs not used: Brynn, Cozier-Duberry, Strelec, Castledine. Booked: Brittain, Malanda.

SHEFF U (1) 1 NORWICH (2) 3
Bamford 23 **Musaba 8, Toure 44, Kvistgaarden 62**
Att: 26,519

Sheff Utd: Cooper, Choudhury, Tanganga, Kitching, Norrington-Davies (McCallum 58), Donovan (Arblaster 77), Peck, Riedewald (Phillips 46), Brereton Diaz (Shackleton 77), Bamford, Campbell (Cannon 58). Subs not used: Davies, Rothwell, McGuinness, Baptiste. Booked: Kitching, Norrington-Davies.

Norwich: Kovacevic, Fisher, McConville (Darling 85), Cordoba, Chrisene, McLean, Mattsson, Brooks (Crnac 85), Ben Slimane (Wright 61), Musaba (Diallo 70), Toure (Kvistgaarden 61). Subs not used: Grimshaw, Stacey, Yongwa, Maghoma. Booked: Fisher, McConville, Toure.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea	5	3	2	0	7	1	11
Middlesbro'	5	3	1	1	8	5	10
QPR	5	3	1	1	7	4	10
Bristol City	5	3	1	1	9	7	10
West Brom	5	3	1	1	8	6	10
Charlton	5	3	1	1	6	7	10
Millwall	5	3	0	2	10	8	9
West Ham	5	2	2	1	11	7	8
Wolves	5	2	2	1	13	10	8
Birmingham	5	1	4	0	7	6	7
Wrexham	5	1	3	1	6	4	6
Norwich	5	2	0	3	8	8	6
Stoke	5	2	0	3	8	9	6
Portsmouth	5	2	0	3	7	8	6
Sheff Utd	5	1	3	1	6	7	6
Blackburn	5	1	2	2	6	7	5
Lincoln City	5	1	2	2	4	6	5
Watford	5	1	2	2	4	6	5
Southampton	5	2	2	1	11	6	4
Derby	5	1	1	3	5	10	4
Bolton	5	1	1	3	4	9	4
Cardiff	5	0	3	2	6	9	3
Preston	5	1	0	4	5	10	3
Burnley	5	0	2	3	6	12	2

(Southampton deducted 4 points)

STOKE (4) 4 CHARLTON (0) 0
Devenny 15 (pen), 41
Galbraith 22
Hirst 25 **Att: 21,071**

Stoke: Johansson, Wilmot, Lawal (Talovierov 58), Graham, Johnson, Devenny (McGlynn 58), Soumare (Pearson 79), Galbraith, Bocat, Gallagher (Bozenik 34), Hirst (Cisse 57). Subs not used: Griffiths, Bae, Rigo, Bombino. Booked: Galbraith.

Charlton: Okonkwo, Mesik, Jones, Bindon, Bell, Ouma (Coventry 46), Skipp, Ahearne-Grant (Apter 79), Rankin-Costello (Alli 72), Campbell (McNamara 26), Leaburn (Mbick 72). Subs not used: Brooks, Knibbs, Carey, Nwamba. Booked: Coventry, Leaburn, McNamara. Sent-off: McNamara.

WEST BROM (1) 1 WATFORD (0) 0
Morgan 36 **Att: 24,800**

West Brom: O'Leary, Galves, Mepham (Phillips 81), Campbell, Styles, Whitwell, Nzingoula (Molumby 73), Diakite, Price, Heggebo (Myhre 73), Morgan (Stewart 82). Subs not used: Ingram, Townsend, Pereira, Collyer, Tunde. Booked: Diakite, Morgan, Phillips, Price, Whitwell.

Watford: Ravaglia, Eames (Coulibaly 59), Pollock, Keben, Zemura (Kayembe 46), Bove, Kyprianou, Bravo, Payero (Nabizada 67), Maamma (Mavididi 67), Kjerrumgaard (Doumbia 82). Subs not used: Walker, Bachmann, Vata, Clarridge. Booked: Bravo, Kayembe, Payero.

WEST HAM (1) 3 DERBY (0) 0
Piroe 6
Austbo 87
Kante 90 **Att: 61,180**

West Ham: Hermansen, Veltman, Mavropanos, Kilman, Scarles (Boiro 77), Bowen (Kante 90), Mukasa (Morato 90), Engels, Solomon (Austbo 77), Piroe, Castellanos (Orford 64). Subs not used: Herrick, Walker-Peters, Lamadrid, Golambeckis.

Derby: Zetterstrom, Nyambe (Johnston 71), Langas, Sanderson, Taylor, Mowatt (Blackett-Taylor 86), Fraulo (Clark 62), Hedges (Fuseini 71), Szmodics, Brewster (Ozoh 22), Meister (Salvesen 62). Subs not used: Vickers, Ward, Offor. Booked: Fuseini, Mowatt.

SWANSEA (0) 0 WREXHAM (0) 0
Att: 20,056

Swansea: Vigouroux, Key, Lissah (Cabango 53), Welsh, Tymon, Widell (Just 75), Fulton (Stamenic 75), Stephen Eustaquio, Yeo, Idah (Vipotnik 63), Eom (Opoku 53). Subs not used: Fisher, Seelt, Parente, Ronald. Booked: Cabango, Opoku, Welsh.

Wrexham: Patterson, Cleworth, Hyam, Doyle, Imray (Kabore 62), James, Whiteman, Longman (Ekomie 62), Rathbone (Windass 62), O'Hare (O'Brien 78), Smith (Moore 63). Subs not used: Ward, Worrall, Vyner, Cadamarteri.

PLAYED YESTERDAY

BIRMINGHAM (2)2 WOLVES (2) 2
Stansfield 22 **Lopez 3**
Tchatchoua 36 (og) **Krejci 31**

Birmingham: Beadle, Samuel, Neumann, Klarer, Cochrane, Paik, Iwata, Roberts (Vicente 81), Stansfield (Ducksch 81), Millar (D Gray 69 (Laird 90)), Priske (Vazquez 81). Subs not used: Allsop, Fry, Lund, Fujimoto. Booked: Klarer, Neumann.

Wolverhampton: Jose Sa, Tchatchoua, Djiga, Krejci, Bueno, Andre Trindade (Traore 87), Munetsi (James 68), R Gomes (Mane 68), Lopez, Armstrong (Neave 87), Jimenez (Doyle 76). Subs not used: Virginia, Chirewa, T Gomes, Konan. Booked: Munetsi.

TCHAT'S GOTTA HURT

Bonkers OG denies Wolves derby glory

By GRAHAM HILL

JACKSON TCHATCHOUA scored a crazy own goal as Wolves hit the self-destruct button in a West Midlands derby thriller.

Unbeaten Birmingham were losing 2-1 at St Andrew's when they were given a gift-wrapped equaliser before the break.

Tchatchoua was under little pressure when he produced a lazy backpass to keeper Jose Sa. But he only succeeded in lifting the ball into the net – leaving Sa stranded.

Birmingham.....2
Wolves.....2

Wolves should still have won the game late on, with Adam Armstrong blazing over when he looked certain to score.

If there was one player boss Cesar Peixoto would have wanted that chance to fall to, it was Armstrong. The forward had scored 11 goals against Birmingham over his career.

Peixoto admitted it was out of character for both players.

But the Portuguese did call for VAR in the Championship, claiming Brum striker Jay Stansfield handled before volleying home an equaliser.

Wolves scored after just three minutes when Fer Lopez finished off a well-worked move from close range.

After Stansfield's leveller,

Russ Ed-ing for Justin Allen

IN A LEAGUE OF HIS OWN

THE definition of insanity is said to be doing the same thing over and over again while expecting a different result.

If that is true, Russell Martin is writing the manual on footballing madness at the King Power Stadium.

Leicester's 4-0 League One home defeat to Oxford on Saturday was a new low for a club that famously won the Premier League against all odds just ten years ago.

The Foxes are a club in desperate, agonising soul-searching mode.

After years of catastrophic mismanagement, soft dressing-room cultures and back-to-back collapses which dragged them into the third tier, they needed a steadying hand.

When a house is on fire, you do not debate the aesthetics of the wallpaper – you put out the flames.

Instead, the board rolled the dice on 40-year-old Martin.

It was a staggering risk and right now it looks like a slow-motion car crash.

Martin is a fundamentalist. It is his way or the highway – but right now, his way looks like a direct route to football hell.

Yes, exciting, progressive, possession-based football looks magnificent.

Martin got Southampton promoted straight back to the Premier League through the play-offs in 2023-24 after an incredible run following early pain. But he was hopelessly inflexible in the top flight.

Trying to out-Pep Guardiola with inferior players was always going to end in tears.

His stint at Rangers was a complete and utter disaster.

Martin was chewed up, spat out, and dismissed within four months.

I doubt he will ever be able to walk into a pub on the blue side of Glasgow again – although he might find a warm welcome with Celtic fans!

Now he is in the dog-eat-dog trenches of League One, managing a club where a losing culture has been baked in for two full seasons.

When a club forgets how to win, you do not ask them to play tippy-tappy roulette inside their own penalty box. You build resilience, grind out results, and rediscover how to win matches by any means necessary.

Wherever Martin goes, he refuses to budge. Adaptability is completely foreign to him.

Good managers win football matches. They look at their squad, evaluate the division and find a pragmatic way to get three points.

Bad managers lose when they are stubborn one-trick ponies.

Martin – who has so many good qualities – is in serious danger of cementing his place in that second category.

His reputation is taking an absolute pounding.

Having played under some proper, no-nonsense managers like Gordon Strachan, Paul Lambert, Darren Ferguson and Alex Neil, you would think he would have learned the value of pragmatism.

It made zero sense for Leicester to appoint him after getting rid of Gary Rowett.

Indeed, Rowett would have been a steady pair of hands in the third tier.

The Foxes still have big earners like Wout Faes on the books on massive wages.

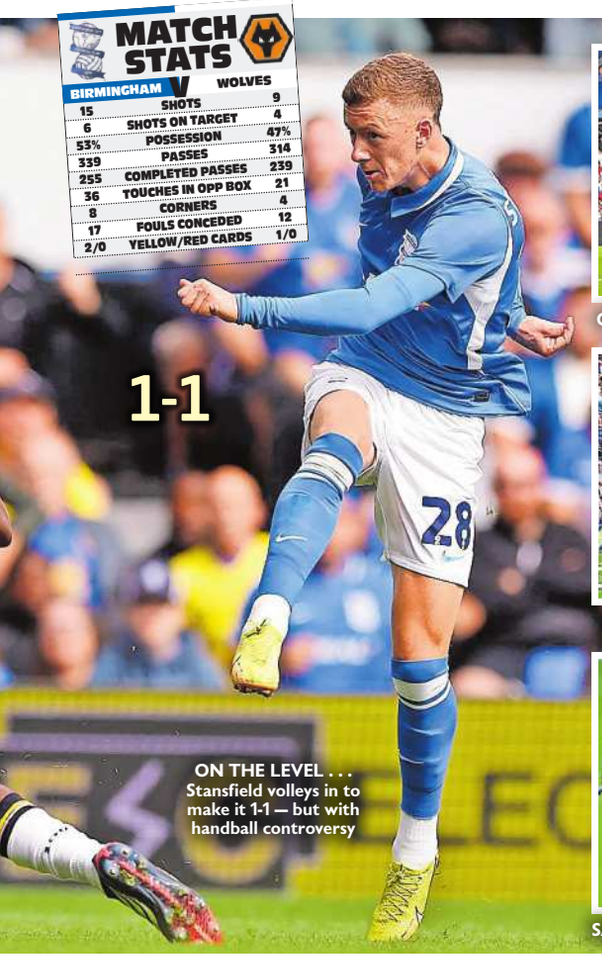
What is the point of paying his huge salary if you are not going to play him?

Unless a Turkish or Saudi club are interested, they need to reintegrate him into the squad until the January window opens.

Leicester should be ripping up League One – but at this

MATCH STATS

BIRMINGHAM		WOLVES
15	SHOTS	9
6	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
53%	POSSESSION	47%
339	PASSES	314
255	COMPLETED PASSES	239
36	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	21
8	CORNERS	4
17	FOULS CONCEDED	12
2/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	1/0



ON THE LEVEL . . . Stansfield volleys in to make it 1-1 — but with handball controversy

ONE FER US . . . Wolves ace Lopez strikes the opener from close range

TOP LAD . . . Krejci heads Wanderers back in front after 31 minutes

SA SORRY . . . Tchatchoua's backpass floats into his own net past Jose Sa

Ladislav Krejci marked his first league game of the season with Wolves' second, heading home from a corner as he exposed a Blues weakness.

But Tchatchoua's own goal lifted the home side, who had the best of the second half.

A breathless game also saw Wolves skipper Raul Jimenez crash a free-kick against the bar and Birmingham defender Phil Neumann's header deflected on to the bar.

Asked about the own goal, Peixoto said: "It was an individual mistake from Jackson.

"This can happen – that's not the reason we drew the game. I don't want these sort of mistakes but I'll never put the blame on one player.

"Jackson did a great job in the last game he played. We suffered together."

Replays of Stansfield's goal show the ball might have hit his arm and Peixoto added: "I think VAR is very important to make it more fair. I don't know why they don't have it in the Championship. I saw the handball on the screen – but the referee didn't whistle."

But Brum forward Stansfield insisted there was no handball, saying: "Every manager's going to say that, aren't they?

"I got into a position to bring the ball down and put it in the roof of the net. I don't think it's handball."

The game also saw Birmingham co-owner Tom Wagner at St Andrew's for the first time since suffering a stroke back in February.

Manager Chris Davies said: "He got a great response.

"Tom's been through an awful lot but he's progressing really well. It's a case of giving him privacy for his recovery."

Stansfield added: "Tom's a special person. For him to be here and know he's recovering well gave everyone a lift.

"He's been in contact with me a lot more recently, giving me confidence."

a fall

rate they will be in League Two next season.

It is utterly incredible how far the mighty have fallen.

If the Martin experiment finally explodes, Leicester's hierarchy should move heaven and earth to bring in Rob Edwards as manager.

Edwards has two promotions on his CV – having taken Forest Green into League One and Luton to the Prem.

He was flexible at Kenilworth Road and almost kept them in the top flight against all the odds.

I do not think the Hatters would have dropped to League One had they not bailed out on him mid-season back in the Championship.

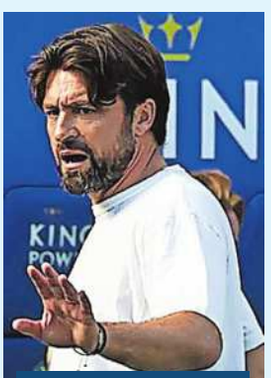
Edwards, 43, did a good job with a Wolves team that looked hopelessly out of their depth when he came in.

Yet they bizarrely sacked him in the summer.

Crucially, Edwards is pragmatic, adaptable and knows how to win.

Right now, Leicester do not need an idealist.

They need a winner before the unthinkable happens.



HE'S SMARTIN'

MARTIN IN LEAGUE SINCE AUG 2024

Southampton			
P16	W1	D2	L13
Win rate	6.3%		

Rangers			
P7	W1	D5	L1
Win rate	14.3%		

Leicester			
P5	W1	D2	L2
Win rate	20%		

Overall			
P28	W3	D9	L16
Win rate	10.7%		

MARTIN . . . hitting a new low

IRONS BATTLE IS VERY SULLY

FANS are up in arms after divisive former chairman David Sullivan actually INCREASED his West Ham shareholding.

Sullivan resigned from the Irons' board this summer following allegations of wrongdoing with young women in an explosive Panorama documentary — claims he has firmly denied.

Yet he triggered pre-emption rights alongside Daniel Kretinsky to block out Amanda Staveley's consortium.

The carve-up of Vanessa Gold's 25 per cent stake saw Kretinsky increase his holding to 46 per cent.

Sullivan's share is up to 40 per cent, while Tripp Smith holds 11 per cent.

Between them, Sullivan *(above, at yesterday's game)* and Smith still command a 51 per cent majority voting block.

It is a terrible look that Sullivan has increased his power base when supporters so dearly want him gone altogether.

He is still attending matches but when the big screen cut to him against Charlton, he was met by deafening boos.

The situation reached peak farce last Tuesday when Staveley and husband Mehrdad Ghodoussi were spotted queuing with fans at the main concourse entrance.

After the 4-2 win over Wolves, fan bloggers filming outside realised they were accidentally blocking two people from leaving — Staveley and Ghodoussi.

Perhaps Staveley can now target Sullivan and Smith's remaining shares.

It seems strange Kretinsky does not want full control of the club himself.

If the Czech billionaire goes to 51 per cent, he is legally obliged to launch a mandatory buyout for the rest of the shares.

Staveley wants complete control. It will be fascinating to see if she can smoke the Czech out.

With the Government wanting to sell the London Stadium, there is still staggering long-term potential at West Ham.

LEAGUE ONE RESULTS & TABLE

BARNSLEY (1)	1	STEVENAGE (1)	5		
McGeehan 17 (pen)		Sanderson 43 Kemp 52, 66 Vancooten 57 Mellon 90			
Att: 9,446					
BRADFORD (1)	1	MANSFIELD (0)	0		
Sarcevic 18		Att: 19,927			
BURTON ALB (1)	2	CAMBRIDGE (1)	2		
Delap 19 Tilt 90		Ahadme 43, 65 Att: 3,549			
DONCASTER (0)	2	PLYMOUTH (1)	3		
May 51 (pen) Grehan 90		Evans 28 Peppe 74 Watts 83			
HUD'SFIELD (1)	1	NOTTS CTY (1)	1		
Harness 12		Cooper 23			
LEICESTER (0)	0	OXFORD (1)	4		
		Harris 8, 60 Missanga 57 McDonnell 77			
LUTON (1)	1	L ORIENT (1)	1		
Donley 25		Kabia 34 Att: 11,307			
PETERBORO' (0)	1	SHEFF WED (1)	2		
Woods 47		Feeney 38 (og) Valery 79 Att: 10,848			
READING (1)	3	BLACKPOOL (0)	1		
Earthy 12 Lisbie 49 Brown 90		Clarkson 80 Att: 11,597			

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheff Wed	5	4	0	1	13	6	12
Huddersfield	5	3	2	0	10	4	11
Stockport Cty	5	3	0	2	13	6	9
Bradford	5	3	0	2	5	4	9
Burton Albion	5	2	2	1	10	7	8
Cambridge	5	2	2	1	9	8	8
Luton	5	2	2	1	11	11	8
Reading	4	2	1	1	11	5	7
Leyton Orient	5	2	1	2	10	6	7
Oxford Utd	4	2	1	1	9	6	7
Blackpool	5	2	1	2	9	7	7
Notts County	5	1	4	0	7	6	7
Plymouth	5	2	1	2	7	8	7
Barnsley	5	2	1	2	6	8	7
Stevenage	5	1	3	1	9	6	6
Mansfield	5	2	0	3	8	11	6
Leicester	5	1	2	2	4	7	5
MK Dons	5	0	4	1	7	9	4
AFC Wim'don	4	1	1	2	2	7	4
Peterborough	5	1	1	3	3	9	4
Bromley	4	1	1	2	4	13	4
Doncaster	5	0	3	2	6	8	3
Wycombe	5	0	3	2	7	12	3
Wigan	5	1	0	4	5	11	3

WIGAN (0)	0	STOCKPORT C (3)	4	
		Wootton 10 Wood 19 Diamond 21 Glover 90		
WYCOMBE (2)	3	MK DONS (0)	3	
Casey 11 Henderson 31 Wareham 74		Collins 51 Paterson 55 Nelson 59 Att: 5,920		

BARRY BLAST

By JON WEST

BARRY BANNAN hit back at the Posh fans who abused him during SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY'S 2-1 win at PETERBOROUGH.

Yan Valery shouldered in a 79th-minute winner after Ben Woods had cancelled out Josh Feeney's own-goal opener for Wednesday.

It left Owls top – but midfielder Bannan *(left)*, 36, took issue with the abusive chants aimed at him. He said: "It was quite offensive but I got the last laugh and gave them a bit back."

HUDDERSFIELD are second after a 1-1 with **NOTTS COUNTY** and three goals in the first 21 minutes set up a 4-0 romp at **WIGAN** for third-place **STOCKPORT**. **BRADFORD** are fourth after Antoni Sarcevic saw off **MANSFIELD** 1-0.

Nigel Clough slammed ref Conor Ledgeway, who took over at half-time, for disallowing an equaliser.

The Stags boss fumed: "It was obviously far too much for him and ultimately it has cost us. The poor lad was like a rabbit caught in headlights."

LEAGUE TWO RESULTS & TABLE

ACCRINGTON (1)	3	CRAWLEY TN (1)	2		
Caton 4, 55 Matthews 63		Orsi-Dadomo 20 Aderoju 79 Att: 1,493			
BRISTOL R (1)	1	ROTHERHAM (0)	0		
Leigh 32		Att: 9,226			
CHELTENHAM (2)	2	GRIMSBY (0)	2		
McCann 12 Weimann 41 (pen)		Shelton 47 Green 82 Att: 4,758			
CHESTERFIELD (1)	3	BARNET (2)	3		
Marsh 39, 71 Randall 90		Knowles 29 Williams 45 Tshimanga 88 Att: 7,321			
CREWE (1)	1	YORK (1)	1		
Offord 9		Newby 40 Att: 5,989			
EXETER (0)	0	WALSALL (0)	0		
		Att: 6,002			
FLEETWOOD (1)	2	SHREWSBURY (0)	0		
Coughlan 39 Loupalo-Bi 86		Att: 2,698			
NORTHAMPTN (0)	1	NEWPORT (0)	0		
O'Brien-Whitmarsh 87		Att: 5,546			
ROCHDALE (0)	1	GILLINGHAM (1)	4		
Tasker 87		Brophy 33, 68 Beckles 53 Sillah 56 Att: 4,003			

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol Rovers	5	4	0	1	12	6	12
Swindon	5	3	1	1	8	6	10
Barnet	5	2	3	0	12	8	9
Tranmere	5	2	3	0	9	5	9
Walsall	5	2	3	0	8	4	9
Fleetwood	5	2	3	0	6	3	9
Crewe	5	2	3	0	5	3	9
Cheltenham	5	2	2	1	10	9	8
York	5	2	2	1	9	8	8
Oldham	5	2	1	2	7	5	7
Grimsby	5	1	4	0	7	6	7
Colchester	5	2	1	2	6	8	7
Gillingham	5	1	3	1	6	6	6
Northampton	5	1	3	1	3	3	6
Salford City	5	2	0	3	4	6	6
Exeter	5	1	2	2	4	4	5
Rotherham	5	1	2	2	6	7	5
Chesterfield	5	1	2	2	6	7	5
Accrington	5	1	2	2	9	11	5
Newport Cty	5	1	1	3	9	10	4
Crawley Tn	5	1	1	3	5	8	4
Rochdale	5	1	0	4	5	10	3
Shrewsbury	5	1	0	4	2	10	3
Port Vale	5	0	2	3	2	7	2

SALFORD (0)	1	PORT VALE (0)	0	
Powell 52		Att: 3,558		
SWINDON (0)	3	COLCHESTER (1)	1	
Drinan 49, 77, 79		Kouassi 13 Att: 8,253		
TRANMERE (1)	2	OLDHAM (0)	0	
Jones 17 Ironside 82 (pen)		Att: 8,702		

LEIGH'S KEY

By GREGOR MacGREGOR

TOMMY LEIGH is fast becoming a key man at Steve Evans' promotion hopefuls Bristol Rovers.

The Gas top League Two following a 1-0 win over Rotherham after a second goal of the season from on-loan Bradford midfielder Leigh *(below)*.

After taking three points against his old side, Rovers boss Evans said: "It was brilliant play for the goal.

"Tommy plays it wide to Bobby Kamwa and then follows it in, gets the rebound, and scores."

Pirates keeper Brad Young also singled out Leigh for special praise.

He added: "He knows where to be as he's quality and you fancied him to put that chance in the back of the net."

It was the Millers' second defeat from their opening five league games.

Assistant boss Steve Agnew said: "We made a mistake for the goal where our backline left slots for them to get in behind and they punished us."

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Goals

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SHAW . . . celebrates

WSL TABLE

BRIGHTON (0)	0	ARSENAL (1)	1
		Baum 10	
		Att: 4,104	
CHARLTON (0)	0	LIVERPOOL (1)	4
		Fisk 8, 53	
		Endemann 63	
		Kapocs 90 (pen)	
		Att: 2,151	
C PALACE (1)	1	EVERTON (0)	0
Lloyd-Smith 34		Att: 1,274	
MAN CITY (0)	3	BIRMINGHAM (0)	1
Fowler 49		Hurtle 90	
Shaw 55, 86			
TOTTENHAM (2)	3	WEST HAM (0)	1
Gaupset 18		Aseyi 90	
Hanson 30, 74		Att: 1,675	
Played Saturday			
CHELSEA (1)	1	ASTON VILLA (0)	1
James 11		Buurman 79 (og)	
Played Friday			
LONDON CITY (1)	2	MAN UTD (0)	1
Zigiotti Olme 9 (og)		Awujo 90	
van de Donk 82		Att: 5,402	

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Man City	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Tottenham	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
London City	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Crystal Palace	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Aston Villa	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Chelsea	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Man Utd	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Brighton	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Everton	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Birmingham	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
West Ham	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Charlton	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

WHAM BAUM . . . winger hits Arsenal's winner and (below, left) celebrates with team-mate Stanway

CHAMPS LOOKING SO SHAW

By JON WEST

BUNNY SHAW scored twice to show why champs MANCHESTER CITY gave her a bumper new deal.

Jamaica goal machine Shaw looked set for a summer exit before City made her one of the world's best-paid female stars.

And she repaid their backing with a double as City sank promoted **BIRMINGHAM** 3-1 at the Joie Stadium.

Blues made it tough before Mary Fowler slotted a 49th-minute opener – then Shaw twice headed in from corners.

Striker Shaw, 29, said: "The most important thing was to get the win and start off on the right foot. We did that today.

"It's amazing to be back with our fans. We wanted to make them enjoy it today."

England forward Beth Mead came off the bench in the second half for her City debut before Oceane Hurtre pulled one back in stoppage time.

CHARLTON also suffered post-promotion heartache as Grace Fisk scored twice in a 4-0 **LIVERPOOL** romp.

But it was a joyous top-flight return for **CRYSTAL PALACE** who beat **EVERTON** 1-0.

Summer signing Lexi Lloyd-Smith scored the only goal and said: "I'm buzzing. To do this in front of my friends and family, an unbelievable feeling."

Kirsty Hanson scored twice on her debut as **TOTTENHAM** beat **WEST HAM** 3-1.

The Scotland striker Hanson was WSL's third-highest scorer last season with 12 goals for Aston Villa.

17 NEW Tottenham captain Drew Spence made history yesterday as the first player to play in all 17 WSL seasons (including the Spring Series). It was her 210th game, moving her level with Jordan Nobbs for the third-most appearances made in the competition.

Stan & deliver

GEORGIA PASSES DEBUT TEST

By JON WEST

GEORGIA STANWAY passed with flying colours on her debut as Arsenal kicked off their WSL season with success at the seaside.

A long-awaited one, too. The Gunners had failed to beat Brighton away in both of the two previous seasons and were made to work hard to get over the line.

But an early goal from another summer signing – Germany Under-23 winger Lisa Baum – proved just enough in the end for Renee Slegers and Co.

A 1-1 draw in May at Albion's Crawley home allowed Manchester City to clinch the title – but hopes are high in North London that eight summer recruits could help change that.

England star Stanway, 27, was expected to be the pick of the bunch – and the free transfer from Bayern Munich did not disappoint.

No midfielder had made more than a hundred passes in a WSL debut but the former Manchester City star ended with 114.

A completion rate of 86 per cent earned her the player-of-the-match award and head coach Slegers was impressed.

She said: "She brings something different. We pride ourselves on progressing the ball through the lines with short-pass combinations.

Brighton.....0
Arsenal.....1

"But we also need something different, so we become more unpredictable."

Teenager Baum was just that when she marked her first appearance since joining from RB Leipzig with the all-important 10th-minute goal.

Brighton's defence pushed her wide on the left of the box but the 19-year-old was still able to unleash a rising left-footer that went in off the crossbar at keeper Chiamaka Nnadozie's near post.

Slegers revealed that it was the first time she had seen Baum in competitive action with her own eyes.

She said: "I never saw her live, only on video. But I was convinced she would make it for us, even with her age.

"Yes, she's 19, but the way she presents herself, she's so mature, so calm, so composed – and she has such a good understanding of the game.

"She's worked hard in training, had a good pre-season and we felt she was ready."

Striker Alessia Russo could have doubled the lead soon after but blazed over with the goal at her mercy.

And Nnadozie later denied Russo with a smart stop.

Brighton had chances, too, with Kiko Seike's strike saved by Misa Rodriguez, another Gunners debutant.

Fran Kirby sent a close-range volley over the bar and Charlie Rule went close from the edge of the box.

Sub Stina Blackstenius had a header well saved by Nnadozie to take the game to the last kick.

'WAY AHEAD . . . Stanway with player-of-match award